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## 'All lives can't matter until black lives matter'



"Black Lives Matter" protesters demonstrate along Beach Road in San Jose yesterday. The peaceful demonstration, organized by Zoe Travis, will run from Monday to Friday, from 8am to 9am.

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Thus said Zoe Travis, who started a one-person demonstration last Monday along the intersection of San Jose and Beach Road, promising to devote one hour of her time every morning until this Friday to hold up a placard that says "Black Lives Matter."

Yesterday, she was joined by some people she knew and by many she did not know—with the collective goal of amplifying the voices of people of color—and Travis

is inviting the CNMI community to join them and make this cause louder.

"Today we are protesting the murder of George Floyd

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## NMI asks FEMA for \$38M reimbursement

By IVA MAURIN  
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REPORTER

The CNMI has submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency a \$38-million reimbursement request

for expenses incurred for its COVID-19 operations.

Patrick Guerrero, the governor's authorized representative, disclosed this during a radio press briefing Monday, explaining the process where

FEMA reviews the documents submitted and creates a project worksheet for funding and reimburse the CNMI for some of the costs that it has already incurred for its

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## PSS at risk of losing \$24M FEMA award

By KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA  
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REPORTER

The Board of Education has raised concerns regarding the possibility of the Public School System losing the \$24-million

grant they were awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency over a month ago to rebuild the Hopwood Middle School campus.

This is so because it has been a month and PSS have

yet to complete the FEMA requirements like submitting a project design. That, in turn, is because there has been no exact location that's been agreed upon yet upon where the new

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## 1 tests positive for COVID-19

By JUSTINE NAUTA  
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REPORTER

One person has been confirmed to have contracted COVID-19, a female passenger on the May 28, 2020 United

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### AT A GLANCE

As of 6pm, June 2, 2020

GUAM	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	175	0	175
Recovered	145	0	145
Active	25	0	25
Deaths	6*	0	6*
Cumulative Number of Persons Tested			6,316

SAIPAN	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	22	1	23
Recovered	16	0	16
Active	4	1	5
Deaths	2	0	2
Cumulative Number of Persons Tested**			6,334

\*Total includes a sailor from the USS Theodore Roosevelt.

\*\*Total includes number of persons tested on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

Source: Joint Information Center - Guam, Commonwealth Health Care Corp.

## COMMUNITY VULNERABILITY

### LEGEND:

- Red: Least safe
- Orange
- Yellow
- Blue
- Green: Safest

Source: Office of the Governor

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## Local

## IPI being sued again, this time as a lease guarantor

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**  
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REPORTER

Another company is suing Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC in federal court, this time for allegedly failing in its promise to pay rent over a subleased apartment complex as a guarantor to another company.

Fox Financial LLC, through

counsel Daniel T. Guidotti, is suing Forson Holdings (CNMI) LLC for breach of contract and IPI for breach of guarantee. Fox Financial is demanding at least \$118,000, plus attorney's fees and court costs.

IPI general counsel Michael W. Dotts declined to comment on the matter yesterday, saying he has a conflict related to this case and that attorney

George Hasselback has agreed to defend IPI in this matter.

According to the complaint filed in the U.S. District Court for the CNMI last Monday, Forson subleased a 21-unit apartment complex from Fox Financial in 2016 and IPI guaranteed that it would pay Forson's obligations under the sublease if Forson failed to pay Fox.

In February 2020, Forson

allegedly failed to pay Fox more than \$100,000 due under the sublease, Guidotti said. Likewise, he said, IPI failed to honor its promise to shoulder Forson's obligations. "Fox now seeks to recover money due under the sublease from both Forson and IPI," he said.

Guidotti said Forson's sole member is Forson Holdings Ltd., a British Virgin Islands corporation. Its principal place of business is either in Hong Kong, China, or the British Virgin Islands.

Guidotti said that in January 2016, via a written sublease, Fox subleased to Forson a 21-unit apartment complex on Navy Hill, Saipan. The initial term of the sublease was Feb. 1, 2016, through Jan. 31, 2019. Forson and Fox later extended the sublease to Feb. 7, 2021 via a letter amendment dated Feb. 5, 2016. Guidotti said the rent due under the sublease is \$207,900, payable biannually in two installments



**Guidotti**

of \$113,950. The bi-annual rent is due on Feb. 1 and Aug. 1 of each year.

According to the sublease, the lawyer said, if Forson pays any rent installment more than seven calendar days after that

rent installment was due, Forson will be obligated to pay a late fee equal to 5% of the amount due but not paid. The sublease further states that all amounts due but not paid and the 5% late fee will accrue interest at 10% per year.

In the sublease, Guidotti said, IPI promised that it would be liable to Fox for all rent that Forson fails to pay, together with all late charges and all accrued interest on the rent and late charges. He said IPI further agreed that Fox is not obligated to bring any claims against Forson prior to seeking to recover money that Forson owes Fox under the sublease.

He said Forson failed to pay the \$103,950 rent installment that was due on Aug. 1, 2019. As a result, Guidotti said, Fox

charged Forson a late fee of \$5,197 and interest at 10% per year and it began accruing on the unpaid rent and the late fee. Forson paid the Aug. 1 rent installment on Dec. 10, 2019, but allegedly failed to pay more than \$9,000, comprising the \$5,197 late fee plus accrued interest on the Aug. 1 rent installment and the late fee.

Guidotti said Forson failed to pay the \$103,950 rent installment that was due Feb. 1, 2020.

At present, he said, Forson owes Fox at least \$118,000, part of which is accruing interest at 10% per year. He said Forson remains in possession of the subleased property.

The lawyer said Fox issued several written demands that IPI pay Forson's obligations in accordance with the guarantee in the sublease.

"IPI materially breached its obligations to Fox by failing to pay Forson's obligation under the sublease," Guidotti said.

IPI is already facing multiple lawsuits in federal court. Many companies and individuals also sued IPI before the Superior Court for various reasons.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

The U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) is considering a request for Federal assistance from the CNMI Department of Community and Cultural Affairs to construct the CNMI Sports & Cultural Tourism Enhancement Project in Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), EDA is conducting an assessment of the potential of the proposed project to affect the environment and/or historic properties. Notice is hereby given that the project is proposed to be located in, or may affect, a floodplain and/or wetland as defined by Executive Order (EO) 11988 and/or EO 11990.

The project is located in Susupe along both sides of Beach Road. The project seeks to enhance sports and cultural tourism in the CNMI through renovation and new construction at the main sports facilities and enhancing the cultural site at Civic Center Beach Park on Saipan. The renovation and rehabilitation of the Susupe sports complex comprises renovation of the existing Ada Gym area, a new second story addition to include office/administrative spaces, trainer work areas, conference rooms, public restrooms, visiting coach office spaces, and the construction of a permanent concrete storage building. An Olympic sized pool will be constructed to meet the International Amateur Athletic Federation Standards (IAAF) along with two regulation-sized tennis courts, a pedestrian overpass, concession stand, lighting, sidewalks, storage and locker rooms.

On the Civic Center Beach Park side, the proposed cultural park to be constructed will include a cultural training center with exhibition space, 53 Display Kiosks/Booths, an open-air amphitheater, a training, exhibition and administrative facility, two canoe houses, two beach volleyball courts, restroom facilities, lighting, pathways, benches, signage, landscaping, parking areas and a traditional medicine garden.

The sports tourism segment is 72,378 square meters (778,787 sq. ft.) and the cultural events area consists of 23,301 square meters (250,718 sq. ft.). Project information is available for review at Office of Planning & Development, Office of the Governor, CDA Building Suite 308, Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950 or by calling 670-488-1221.

If you have any information regarding potential impacts to historic properties or environmental resources including wetlands or floodplains associated with this proposed project, please provide it in writing to:

Regional Environmental Officer  
Department of Commerce  
Economic Development Administration  
915 Second Avenue, Room 1890  
Seattle, WA 98174  
RDimmick@eda.gov

Comments received in the EDA Regional Office by 5:00 pm eastern on July 6, 2020 will be considered. A copy of the NEPA/NHPA decisional document will be available upon request at the above EDA Regional Office.

## A 'virtual' Liberation Day this year

The 74th Liberation Day will be commemorated online on July 4, 2020, according to Saipan Mayor David Apatang, to celebrate the anniversary of the opening of the gates of Camp Chalan Kanoa after World War II.

According to a news release

from the Office of the Mayor yesterday, it said that this "virtual" Liberation Day commemoration will be Commonwealth-wide, as Saipan will be joined in the celebration by its neighboring islands of Tinian, Rota, and the Northern Islands. Its theme is "Strength In

Unity: Marianas Strong."

"Together, we will weave our Liberation Day events to make sure that we honor our ancestors while meeting all the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. guidelines," said Apatang. "Today, the coronavirus pandemic...has destroyed certainties, undermined assurance, and shattered most of our beliefs. Although our hard times are nothing...compared to the sufferings endured by our elders during Camp Susupe, we must learn from our forebears that the keys to survival in yet another colossal occurrence is to be patient, prayerful, loving, and respectful."

The Saipan Mayor's Office will be partnering with KKMP

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**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY**  
**CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**RFP NO.: DPW20-RFP-006**

**SUBMISSION DATE: June 30, 2020 • TIME: 10:00 A.M.**

**"Archaeological Services for Kannat Tabla Road Flood Control and Drainage Project, Saipan"**

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# Undocumented aliens encouraged to get tested

With almost 6,000 specimens collected, the CNMI continues to ramp up its COVID-19 community-based testing and everyone is being encouraged to get tested, even undocumented immigrants.

According to COVID-19 Task Force chair Warren Villagomez, they are framing up different messaging, including "encouraging incentives" to get immigrants tested, adding that the risk factor is low, should anyone test positive.

The task force is working alongside different agencies to minimize the spread of COVID-19, as well as to minimize the risk and exposure of the entire CNMI community to the virus. "We are working tightly with the Customs and Border Protection, with the governor, lieutenant governor, the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement [ICE] agents, as well as our Labor Department here in the CNMI, to make sure to get into the bed of the villages to convince these people that it's important that they come out and get tested," Villagomez said.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres has been repeatedly encouraging people to register and get tested for COVID-19. Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. chief executive officer Esther Muña also earlier stated that the testing could help the CNMI contain any positive cases.

"The more we get our folks tested, same with Rota and Tinian, the better gauge we have as a community on understanding where we are at, and also in terms of us moving forward in one direction," the governor said, at a news briefing last Monday.

Undocumented aliens are those who came to the U.S. illegally without proper authorization and documents, or those who entered the U.S. legally and have violated the terms of their visa, or have overstayed.

The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement is working closely with the Department of Homeland Security, and other federal, state, and local agencies in the COVID-19 response, helping facilitate the transport of U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents back home during the pandemic. (Iva Maurin)

## 4.7-magnitude earthquake shakes Guam

At 6:04pm on June 1, 2020, a report of a 4.7-magnitude earthquake occurred 73 kilometers south of Merizo Village in Guam. The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center did not issue any tsunami warnings or advisories related to this event. For more information, contact the CNMI EOC State Warning Point at 237-8000. (PR)

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STK:	HYUNDAI ELANTRA SPORT		
0H022	FLUID METAL, 2.0L 4SDN 6EAT	\$4,000	\$23,995
0H012	IRON GRAY, 2.0L 4SDN 6MT	\$4,000	\$23,995
20H025	GRAY, 2.0L 4SDN 6MT <b>SOLD</b>	\$4,000	\$23,995
20H026	FIERY RED, 2.0L 4SDN 6MT	\$4,000	\$23,995
20H027	TEAL BLUE, 2.0L 4SDN 6MT	\$4,000	\$23,995
20H064	SILVER, 2.0L 4SDN 6MT	\$3,000	\$19,995
20H065	IRON GRAY, 2.0L 4SDN 6MT	\$3,000	\$19,995
20H061	FIERY RED, 2.0L 4SDN 6MT	\$3,000	\$19,995
STK:	HYUNDAI VELOSTER		
0H034	GRAY, 1.6L 3DR. COUPE <b>SOLD</b>	\$2,000	\$24,995
20H068	BLUE, VELOSTER N 1.6L 3DR. COUPE 6MT	\$4,000	\$28,995
STK:	HYUNDAI VENUE SE		
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20H133	MT BLACK/ BLUE, 1.6L 5WGN 6EAT	\$3,000	\$19,995
20H144	MT WHITE/ DENIM, 1.6L 5WGN 6EAT	\$3,000	\$19,995
20H109	MT WHITE/ DENIM, 1.6L 5WGN 6EAT	\$3,000	\$19,995
20H142	MT BLACK/RED, 1.6L 5WGN 6EAT	\$3,000	\$19,995
20H145	MT BLACK/BLUE, 1.6L 5WGN 6EAT	\$3,000	\$19,995
STK:	HYUNDAI KONA L		
20H074	BLACK, 2.0L 5WGN 2WD 6EAT	\$3,000	\$21,995
20H076	WHITE, 2.0L 5WGN 2WD 6EAT	\$3,000	\$21,995
20H077	BLUE LAGOON, 2.0L 5WGN 2WD 6EAT	\$3,000	\$21,995
STK:	HYUNDAI TUCSON GL		
20H056	MAGNETIC FORCE, 2.0L 5WGN 2WD 6EAT	\$2,000	\$24,995
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20H155	WHITE, 2.0L 5WGN 2WD 6EAT	\$2,000	\$24,995
STK:	HYUNDAI PALISADE SPORT		
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20H134	STEEL GRAPHITE, 3.8L 5WGN 8EAT	\$2,000	\$36,995
20H136	BURGUNDY, 3.8L 5WGN 8EAT	\$2,000	\$36,995
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20D071	POLYMETAL GRAY, 2.5L 4SDN 6EAT <b>SOLD</b>	\$2,000	\$21,995
20D097	SOUL RED, 2.5L 4SDN 6EAT	\$2,000	\$21,995
20D043	SONIC SILVER, 2.5L 4SDN 6EAT	\$2,000	\$21,995
20D070	SNOWFLAKE WHITE, 2.5L 4SDN 6EAT	\$2,000	\$21,995
20D092	SNOWFLAKE WHITE, 2.5L 4SDN 6EAT <b>SOLD</b>	\$2,000	\$21,995
STK:	MAZDA3 PREFERRED		
20D093	JET BLACK, 2.5L 5HB 6EAT	\$4,000	\$22,995
20D094	POLYMETAL GRAY	\$4,000	\$26,995
STK:	MAZDA6 SPORT		
9D156	SNOWFLAKE WHITE PEARL, 2.5L 4SDN 6EAT	\$4,000	\$22,995
0D012	SOUL RED CRYSTAL, 2.5L 4SDN 6EAT	\$2,000	\$26,995
20D023	SNOWFLAKE WHITE PEARL, 2.5L 4SDN 6EAT	\$2,000	\$26,995
20D037	JET BLACK, 2.5L 4SDN 6EAT <b>SOLD</b>	\$2,000	\$26,995
STK:	MAZDA MX-5 CLUB		
9D106	SNOWFLAKE WHITE PEARL, 2.0L 2DR. 6MT S/TOP <b>SOLD</b>	\$5,000	\$33,995
20D089	RF MACHINE GRAY, 2.0L 2DR. 6MT S/TOP	\$3,000	\$38,995
STK:	MAZDA CX-3 SPORT		
20D018	SNOWFLAKE WHITE PEARL, 2.0L 5WGN 6EAT 2WD	\$3,000	\$21,995
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STK:	MAZDA CX-5 SPORT		
20D031	SONIC SILVER, 2.5L 5WGN 6EAT 2WD <b>SOLD</b>	\$3,000	\$25,995
20D130	JET BLACK, 2.5L 5WGN 6EAT 2WD	\$3,000	\$25,995
20D082	SOUL RED, 2.5L 5WGN 6EAT 2WD	\$3,000	\$25,995
20D113	SNOWFLAKE WHITE, 2.5L 5WGN 6EAT AWD	\$3,000	\$27,995
20D114	JET BLACK, 2.5L 5WGN 6EAT AWD	\$3,000	\$27,995
20D116	MACHINE GRAY, 2.5L 5WGN 6EAT AWD	\$3,000	\$27,995
STK:	MAZDA CX-9 SPORT		
20D090	MACHINE GRAY, 2.5L 5WGN 6EAT 2WD	\$4,000	\$32,995
20D118	MACHINE GRAY, 2.5L 5WGN 6EAT 2WD	\$4,000	\$32,995
STK:	MAZDA CX-9 TOURING		
20D064	SNOWFLAKE WHITE PEARL, 2.5L 5WGN 6EAT 2WD	\$5,000	\$34,995

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## LIVES

From Page 1

by Minneapolis police and we are protesting for all the people of color who have been killed by police in the United States. This issue should be close to everybody because nobody should have to fear for their life when they interact with the police or anybody in our country because of the color of their skin,” Travis said.

“America was founded on discrimination, racism, and slavery and those institutions have carried on in our modern institutions. They’ve made it impossible for black people to live their lives fully in this country and it’s an issue that should scare and worry everybody. As a white person who has benefited from those institutions my whole life, it is my responsibility to be out here and to say we are not okay with it,” Travis added.

George Floyd, an African American, was killed last week when a Minneapolis police officer who was arresting him pinned him to the pavement by putting his knee on the handcuffed man’s neck. His plea to the officer, “I can’t breathe,” has become a rallying cry for the many protests that ensued and spread across America. The police officer has been fired, arrested, and charged with murder.

Travis, who is white, said her big issue with racism, specifically with people of color, “is that I have siblings who were adopted from Cambodia. They’re not black but they are people of color that have long-term issues with the police. I don’t want to



Zoe Travis, who started the “Black Lives Matter” demonstration at the Atkins-Kroll intersection on Saipan, holds up a banner seeking justice for George Floyd, who was killed when a Minneapolis police officer held him down with a knee on his neck. Travis was joined by other protesters at the demonstration, which will run this week from Monday to Friday, from 8am to 9am, along Beach Road in San Jose.

BEA CABRERA.

worry for them. I don’t want to worry for my black friends either,” she said.

Travis pointed out that the month of June is also Pride Month, which is observed by the LGBTQ community. This, she said, makes their protest timely and appropriate. “Black LGBT people out there are much

more likely to be killed by the police than any white person. They are so unprotected, vulnerable, and more likely to get killed for as simple as suspected forgery and this is why I will never say all lives matter until black lives matter,” she said.

Yesterday morning’s protest at the San Jose intersection was Leah Tarkong’s first time to join a protest. She said she did it because she wants change. “My sign says ‘injustice anywhere is an injustice everywhere’ and even though we are not in the U.S. mainland, we are still American citizens and it is our duty to show our unity and our support for our black brothers and sisters,” she said.

“We are all part of the same planet. We are all human beings and it is not fair [people of color] are being openly murdered. [Despite being] covered by the media, the government and the police are not changing their ways and mentality. We need change and show our solidarity. We have a black community here in the CNMI and, even though [it is] small, we just want to show them they have our support,” she added.

Educator and Mount Carmel School president Dr. Galvin Deleon Guerrero joined the peaceful protest before going to work. “We are running a very busy schedule at school—closing it, planning for graduation, and the opening of the new school year but not too busy to allot an hour for this cause. ...I’m standing with African Americans who have suffered centuries of systemic racism and injustice. By no means do I condone any kind of violence or rioting

but, by the same token, I don’t condone injustice either,” he said. “So while there is not much we can do thousands of miles away, the least we can do is raise awareness and stand in solidarity for other people of color who have suffered enough already. When you live on an island that is so isolated, it doesn’t mean we should be isolated because, when you consider how interconnected our world is today, it is important not to bury our heads in the sand and ignore what’s going on. As an educator, I teach my students to study their history, study civics, and to learn how to make their own communities better places to live,” he added.

Floyd’s death has caused many riots and violent protests that cre-

ated havoc in different states in the mainland. Many have been active on social media and many like Travis have resorted to peaceful protests like a moment of silence of people in Washington, D.C. outside the National Museum of African American Culture, a walkathon in Flint, Michigan, and people in Colorado lying face down with their hands behind their backs in front of the Colorado’s Capitol, chanting “I can’t breathe.”

Almay Williams from San Vicente plans to join the protest that Travis will be doing for the rest of the week because she wants to fight for the people who are vulnerable. While holding back tears, she said, “...I have black friends who are dear to me and I don’t know who will be next.”

## NMI

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COVID-19 response.

“We look, in the next week or two, to answer any of their questions after they’ve had some chance to review [the documents we submitted], and hopefully have some good news to report on some funding that’ll be coming in...,” he said.

Aside from the supplies, the CNMI has also requested for FEMA to fund the Kanoa Resort Alternate Care Site, which is being used as an isolation facility for persons under investigation and those with confirmed COVID-19 cases, and Pacific Islands Club Saipan, which is being used as a quarantine facility for incoming passengers.

“We requested from FEMA for the funding of the whole facility, for the facility in its entirety. We’re not open to tourists and any other guests, but we need to maintain every room to be available for the flights that are coming in,” he said, referring to both PIC and Kanoa Resort.

## Kanoa and PIC during COVID-19 operations

Kanoa has 224 rooms, and PIC has 308. While they have not maxed both facilities in terms of capacity, they have come close, according to Guerrero.

“Right now, at PIC, we are at about 170 guests currently staying with us. The need for these quarantine facilities continues. ...We’re separating incoming passengers that we hope are not carrying the virus versus those that we know are infected and are under CHCC’s watch,” he said.

The CNMI government inked 90-day contracts for both facilities, which can be terminated at any time, per federal regulations requirement.

“We have used Kanoa so far for about just a little over 60 days, as well as the PIC. We’re coming up on an extension if we do still have the need for quarantine facilities. If not, we’ll be terminating, especially with what might be coming up in the re-opening of tourism in the CNMI,” he said. “We are renting the facility in its entirety, and we’re working closely with FEMA. We’ve provided them, I believe, enough justification to say that all of these rooms are on reserve for our quarantine needs.”

Aside from rooms, Kanoa and PIC staff provide services, including housekeeping and handing meals for the guests.

Local agencies have assigned some of their staff at both facilities to assist in the check-in process, and in helping meet some of the guests’ needs. Staff from the Department of Fire Emergency Medical Services is on hand, as well as Department of Public Safety, for security. Staff from the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. are also there to make sure guests are taken care of, and for any medical needs.

As for meals, Guerrero said they are still providing meal support to those at the quarantine sites, as well as staff at Kanoa and PIC, “because they have a harder time getting away from their duties there.”

“As far as the cost of these facilities and what we’re paying for, to date, we’ve been working with both properties. They are giving us time to wait for our award from FEMA, to be able to pay for the services that we’ve incurred to date,” he added.

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Airlines flight from Guam and who originated from the U.S. mainland. This raises the CNMI’s total positive COVID-19 cases to 23.

The newest patient is a 30-year-old female, asymptomatic, and has existing medical conditions, according to a news release last night by the Governor’s COVID-19 Task Force and the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

Specimens were collected, processed, and confirmed positive at CHCC Laboratory yesterday.

The news release said that the affected individual, along with other passengers aboard the same flight, have been safely in quarantine upon their arrival and are being monitored closely by CHCC medical teams.

As of June 2, 2020, 23 people have now been diagnosed with COVID-19

in the CNMI, including five active cases, 16 recoveries, and two deaths.

After nearly a month since the resumption of United Airlines’ Guam-Saipan flights and the accompanying quarantine that passengers have to go through, the designated quarantine site of the Pacific Islands Club Saipan in San Antonio received an additional 30-plus passengers last June 1.

Although the numbers weren’t specific on how many flew in two days ago, Patrick Guerrero, the governor’s authorized representative, said that there is a total of 170 guest that are at PIC right now and the need for these quarantine facilities, including the Alternate Care Site at Kanoa Resort in Susupe, will continue.

According to Guerrero, there are a total of 224 rooms at Kanoa Resort and 308 rooms at PIC. Both designated quarantine/isolation sites have not been maxed out but have come close.

“When we opened up Kanoa in

late March, it was under the Federal Emergency Management Agency program called non-congregates shelter,” said Guerrero. This means that, before it became an official alternate care site, the hotel itself was reserved for health and medical-related needs such as isolation and quarantine resulting from the public health emergency.

“We’re separating incoming passengers that we hope are not carrying the virus versus those that are infected and are under the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.’s watch,” said Guerrero.

As far as funding, based on federal regulations, Guerrero said that the use for PIC and Kanoa Resort are for a 90-day period and can be terminated at any time.

A longer version of this story is available at [www.saipantribune.com](http://www.saipantribune.com)

## PSS

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campus will be built, according to Education Commissioner Dr. Alfred Ada. He said they are in the process of putting out a request-for-proposal for an architecture and engineering firm that would come up with the design.

If a plan is not submitted within the next six months, PSS could possibly lose the \$24-million grant award, said Board of Education vice chair Herman Atalig. “There’s a process here that really needs to be forwarded to FEMA for their final approval.

There’s still a question about insurance, to get it insured, the question of whether or not we have enough money to do the cost share, because there’s a little cost share to this project. Sometime next week, we will sit down with the Facilities and Development Management and figure out what we’re going to do. If we don’t submit a plan within the next six months, we might lose that entire \$24 million,” he said.

BOE member Marylou Ada said that PSS has to get the project going because PSS cannot lose \$24 million and the opportunity to rebuild the Hopwood campus. As much as possible, the construction process of

rebuilding Hopwood Middle School must begin by September, she added.

Ada said the main issues with the Hopwood campus are restrooms, lights and fixtures, and all the damage to the buildings, stage, concrete rooms, libraries, counselor’s rooms, and more.

The Hopwood facilities that are currently available and already renovated are the cafeteria, bus shelter, 19 classrooms, and two girl’s and boy’s restrooms with 10 stall each. The renovation project began in May 15 and should be completed by June 15.

PSS will have students return to the old campus once schools reopen in September.

## LIBERATION

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radio station and other local stakeholders for the commemoration.

Apatang earlier announced that the traditional Liberation Day festival at the Garapan Fishing Base and July 4th parade along Beach Road will be canceled this year.

Arriane (last name withheld by request), 19, As Lito, said she is just happy that the Liberation Day commemoration will still happen. “The Liberation commemoration has always been a great event for the community. Considering what’s going

on, I am happy that there will still be a way we can celebrate CNM Liberation Fay.” She hopes that the celebration will help raise awareness of what is going around the world right now.

Davian (last name withheld by request), 20, Dandan, said if it were up to her, the Liberation Day commemoration should just be canceled. “I honestly do not see a point in having a virtual [event] because it wouldn’t feel the same. As much as I wish to have an actual celebration, it would be better to just cancel it this year.”

Liberation Day marks the date when the civilian population of Saipan were released from interment at Camp Susupe. *(Chevy Alipio)*



# OAG says PSS does not understand high court's ruling

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REPORTER

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Finance Secretary David Atalig said the Public School System and Education Commissioner Dr. Alfred Ada do not understand the CNMI Supreme Court's ruling on how to determine between general revenue and special revenue.

Torres and Atalig, though the Office of the Attorney General, said PSS is asking the Superior Court to declare five funds and associated sources of revenues as "general" rather than "special."

In Torres and Atalig's opposition to PSS' motion for summary judgment, assistant attorney general John P. Lowrey said the five funds include revenues collected from taxes on gross revenue set aside to make payments under a settlement agreement; revenues collected from hotel and container taxes set aside for the NMI Retirement Fund; revenue collected from e-gaming licensing fees set aside for the NMI Retirement Fund; revenues collected from e-gaming licensing fees set aside for the first, second, and third senatorial districts; and revenues collected from the jackpot tax set aside for the PSS technical

education fund.

To support its argument that all five revenues are "general," PSS makes a "hurried attempt" to apply the rather complex "special revenue" test created by the CNMI Supreme Court's decision in the certified question petition from Torres and then-Board of Education board chair MaryLou S. Ada, Lowrey said, adding that, in the Torres and Ada petition, the high court made clear that application of its special revenue test was not a quick or cursory endeavor.

In fact, he pointed out, the Supreme Court stressed that it could not "definitively determine what revenues may qualify as special and what revenues may qualify as general" because "this relationship must be evaluated on a case-by-case basis because the particulars of a revenue's source and the purpose turn on the unique circumstances of each fund."

Thus, Lowrey said, determining whether a revenue is general or special is a fact-specific, case-by-case inquiry that looks at both the revenue source and the articulated purpose for its use.

"PSS has not made a designation of facts," said the government lawyer, adding that,

as a result PSS has provided no factual basis for applying the special revenue test, such as establishing the articulated purpose of the challenged revenues.

In order to determine whether something is special or general revenue, the high court created a "special revenue" test, Lowrey said, which considers the relationship between the revenue's source and the purpose of the fund the revenue is placed into.

Lowrey said PSS has failed to establish that there are material facts not in dispute under the NMI Rule of Civil Procedures.

He said PSS has not provided the bare minimum facts necessary to establish that the revenue sources being challenged fail to meet the new definition of special revenues as established in the high court's ruling in the certified question petition.

Finally, Lowrey said, even if the revenue sources meet the definition of special revenues, retroactively applying the new definition to the 2020 budget would invalidate actions already taken, undo vested rights and payments, and

could possibly disrupt government activity on a broader scale—and that a prospective application of the definition to the 2020-2021 fiscal year is more appropriate.

PSS and Ada accuse Torres and Atalig of violating the NMI Constitution and are suing them to guarantee for PSS an annual budget of not less than 25% of the Commonwealth's general revenue.

Ada and PSS said Torres is in violation of the NMI Constitution because he is carrying out payments and collections under Public Law 21-08—the CNMI government's budget law—while Atalig is allegedly in violation of the NMI

Constitution because every allotment and disbursement made pursuant to P.L. 21-08 is unconstitutional. PSS and Ada asked the court to declare that P.L. 21-08 unconstitutional.

In their answer to the lawsuit, Torres and Atalig, through the Office of the Attorney General, said the governor's actions are licensed by the state of emergency declared by Executive Order 2020-04, pursuant to the CNMI Constitution, the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Act, and the CNMI Emergency Health Powers Act of 2003.

The OAG asserted, among other things, that the budgetary modifications ordered by Torres are required by the statute and that plaintiffs' request would require the governor to violate the law and is thus illegal.

PSS and Ada then filed a motion for summary

judgment.

P.L. 21-08, which established the Commonwealth government budget for fiscal year 2020 and appropriated \$37,718,904 to PSS, which is approximately 16% of the budget, is unconstitutional and unenforceable as a matter of law, according to PSS and Ada in the motion.

PSS and Ada, through counsel Tiberius D. Mocanu, asserted that the earmarks, which purport to convert general revenue into special revenue do not meet the nexus test. Mocanu said the earmarks do not possess a relationship between the source and purpose of the revenue they distribute, much less a reasonable one.

Consequently, Mocanu said, P.L. 21-08's calculation of PSS' budget does not include general revenue to which it is constitutionally entitled under NMI Constitution.



Atalig

## Scheduled water service outage in upper Gualo Rai


The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. would like to inform the public that there is currently a water service interruption for the Upper Gualo Rai area. Customers in the affected area will be experiencing intermittent low pressure to no water beginning yesterday, June 2, 2020, through June 13, 2020, from 8:30am to 10:30am.

The purpose of the sched-


uled water interruptions is to allow CUC's contractor, AIC Marianas, Inc. to relocate and reconnect the existing water meter to the new PVC waterline as part of CUC's Gualo Rai Waterline Replacement Project that is funded by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. As a result of the waterline replacement, a more reliable water system will be

provided to the community.

CUC continues to work diligently to minimize any inconvenience to its customers. For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor its Facebook page for the latest updates (<https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/>). (PR)



### Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



## INVITATION FOR BID CUC-IFB-20-022

### S-5 AND S-9 SEWER LIFT STATION RENOVATION

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the S-5 and S-9 Sewer Lift Station Renovation project in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists of the renovation of the existing S-5 and S-9 sewer lift stations, including the renovation of the existing generator building and wet well with all new piping, fittings, pumps, generator, and other equipment and appurtenance. The project also includes the installation of a new S-5 forcemain and forcemain inlet structure, the relocation of the existing Hyatt Hotel sewer forcemain to an existing sewer manhole on Coral Tree Avenue, the installation of a new S-9 upstream sewer manhole and gravity main crossing route 308. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the sewer system. CUC requires the Project to be completed in 300 calendar days from date of award of contract.

**The project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from USEPA.**

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **June 18, 2020 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

**One (1) original and Five (5) copies of the bid MUST** be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-20-022, S-5 and S-9 Sewer Lift Station Renovation"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) July 2, 2020**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time.

Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.


This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered Proponents and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on June 22, 2020** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org), with a copy to Nicolette Villagomez, CUC Water & Wastewater, Engineer – [nicolette.villagomez@cucgov.org](mailto:nicolette.villagomez@cucgov.org) and Marcela Tenorio, CUC P&S, Administrative Support Assistant – [marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org](mailto:marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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Executive Director

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Purchasing Administrator



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## AMENDMENT #1 Building Demolition Project: Buildings A, A1, B, B1 C, D, E, F, G, H, I, Q, R & S

## INVITATION FOR BIDS NMC IFB 20-0002

Northern Marianas College (The College) is soliciting competitive sealed bids for the building demolition project at the NMC Saipan campus.

Specifications and Scope of Work packets may be picked up at the **NMC Procurement Office, Bldg. O, commencing May 27, 2020 between the hours of 9:00-11:30 a.m.** for the Electronic packet, please send request to Anita Camacho ([anita.camacho@marianas.edu](mailto:anita.camacho@marianas.edu)).

**Pre-bid conference is scheduled for June 11, 2020 at 9:00 am. Attendance is strongly recommended. NMC continues to practice social distancing due to the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions. The pre-bid conference and virtual tour will take place through video conference technology, Zoom. Zoom Meeting ID No.: 928 5800 5961**

**Electronic Bid submissions:  
NMCIFB20-0002@marianas.edu  
Due Date/Time: 10:00 am, June 19, 2020, Chamorro, Standard Time (ChST).**

**Hard copies Bid submissions:  
Procurement & Property Management Office, Bldg. O, As Terlaje Campus  
Due Date and Time: 10:00am, June 19, 2020, (ChST).**

Paid for by 100% Federal Funds through US Department of Education, Emergency Assistance to Institution of Higher Education Grant, award no. P938T190005. Provisions of Public Law 15-95 as amended by Public Law 15-118, Local Preference, are not available for this procurement.

This solicitation does not constitute an offer and does not obligate the College in any way. The College reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids for any reason and waive any defect in said bids, or cancel in part or its entirety this IFB, if it deems, in its sole discretion, it is in the best interest of the College.

Approved by:

/s/ Anita Camacho  
Procurement & Property Manager



# Guam Guard helps hand out food packs in Guam

**BARRIGADA, Guam**—The Guam National Guard's Joint Task Force 671 Task Force Response provided support to the Guam Department of Education last May 29 to distribute food to thousands of island residents affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Task Force Response soldiers and airmen worked alongside government of Guam law enforcement to regulate traffic and manage crowds. Thousands of cars lined roadways in the villages of Dededo and Barrigada to take advantage of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Emergency Food Assistance Program, which Guam DOE oversees.

"We're prepared to support valid mission requests from the government of Guam," said Joint Task Force 671 Dual Status Commander Brig. Gen. Johnny Lizama. "Our service members have been out there since Day 1, fulfilling these missions with complete professionalism and we could not



Pvt. 1st Class Keana Ardiente of the Guam National Guard's 1-294th Infantry Regiment's "Ayuyu" Company directs traffic in support of the COVID-19 food distribution site in Dededo on May 29. "I feel proud and always motivated, serving my country and Guam," said Ardiente.

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be more proud to serve our island and our fellow Guamanians. The soldiers and airmen have worked tirelessly around the clock to ensure the safety and security of our homeland."

Assisting with the food distribution is the newest mission for Task Force Response.

Since the island's public health emergency was declared in March, service

members provided traffic and crowd control at government of Guam COVID-19 quarantine and isolation sites; mass testing sites in support of the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services in the villages of Dededo, Mangilao and Agat; and in support of Guam Gov. Lou Leon Guerrero's COVID-19 educational campaign along the island's main thoroughfares.

Additionally, service members assisted with sanitizing government agencies in preparation for reopening.

Exercising her powers as the commander in chief, Leon Guerrero activated the Guam National Guard and nearly 100 soldiers and airmen were called to duty under Task Force Response.

"Since we've been activated, we have been providing security support to the Guam Police Department at the various isolation and quarantine sites throughout the island," said Maj. Alvin Alvarez, commander, Task Force Response. "We were also tasked to support the Department of Public

Health and Social Services initiative to educate the public about COVID-19 and the governor's executive order."

While the Guardsmen are more familiar with responding to crises such as typhoons and earthquakes, the pandemic poses a unique situation, but the Guard remains ready and able to respond.

"Our units and our entire

Guard have done a good job building airmen leaders and soldier leaders," said Alvarez. "We are always ready to respond to a crisis, whether manmade, natural or even a public health issue, this is what we're trained to do. Even though COVID-19 is unique, our soldiers and airmen are adjusting well and executing their missions the

best they can."

As the fight against the pandemic continues and mission requests are made, task force response and its soldiers and airmen are prepared to fulfill mission requirements.

"We're in this together," said Sgt. 1st Class Philip Bican, Task Force Response non-commissioned officer. "We believe in our leadership and what they're asking us to do—that this is all to benefit our community." (PR)

## Temporary hospital relocated to prepare for typhoon season

**ASAN, Guam**—U.S. Navy sailors are working to relocate in the coming weeks a Navy Expeditionary Medical Facility—a temporary hospital—to a new location from a U.S. Department of Defense property in South Finegayan to Santa Rita.

As the Mariana Islands and the greater Indo-Pacific prepare for typhoon season, DoD leadership elected to carry out the EMF's relocation to a hardened facility to preserve its mission readiness in the face of possible destructive winds and rain.

"As a military organization, we have to be ready to adjust to changing conditions on the ground, and still be postured to complete the mission. The decision to move the EMF to Santa Rita was made based on prudent recommendations from our medical and expeditionary leadership," said Rear Adm. John Menoni, commander, Joint Region Marianas. "We are committed to maintaining our ability to provide a critical capacity backstop for U.S. Naval Hospital Guam's COVID-19 response, and we will remain ready, if requested, to support Guam and the region."

The purpose of the EMF's

original construction in South Finegayan was to rapidly expand the military's on-island medical capability and capacity to be ready to support the recovery of sailors assigned to aircraft carrier USS *Theodore Roosevelt*. In addition, the EMF augmented DoD's ability to respond to the threat posed by COVID-19 in the region and to maintain mission readiness.

Service members will begin relocating the EMF and integrate its medical structures and capabilities with pre-existing hardened structures at Naval Base Guam's Santa Rita compound, providing the EMF with increased durability and mitigating the risks posed by destructive weather.

The EMF is a self-contained medical care facility, which will remain deployed in Guam to provide expanded medical capabilities in support of the DoD's COVID-19 response. Additionally, the EMF will enable forces to be postured to support Guam and the region if a Defense Support of Civil Authorities mission is requested.

The EMF's status as a Role 3 Military Treatment Facility provides additional medical services similar to that of a

community hospital, including operating rooms, an intensive care unit, an acute care ward, extended patient holding, equipment sterilization, a medical laboratory, a pharmacy, and other ancillary services.

Seabees assigned to 30th Naval Construction Regiment completed construction of the original EMF in South Finegayan the week of May 11, achieving full operating capability and enabling the EMF to execute all of its designated medical tasks.

Navy leadership selected South Finegayan as the location for the original facility due to the land being readily available DoD property, which was flat and abundant in size. However, in order to support sustained medical capabilities and additional capacity in the military's regional fight against COVID-19 throughout typhoon season, sailors will relocate the EMF to the Santa Rita compound, which is a more consolidated site with durable structures.

The Santa Rita compound was not immediately available for use at the time the South Finegayan site was selected for EMF construction. (PR)



SPC Peter Cruz of the Guam National Guard's Forward Support "Hulu" Company directs traffic in support of the COVID-19 food distribution site in Tiyan on May 29.

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## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

June 3, 1999

### DOLI slams INS

Labor and Immigration Secretary Mark Zachares assailed the federal government yesterday for its hypocrisy in using the CNMI immigration laws when it transferred the illegal Chinese immigrants from Guam to Tinian to make sure that they cannot seek political asylum. The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service had claimed that overcrowding in the Hagatna Department of Corrections had forced them to divert to Tinian boatloads of Chinese illegals believed to be victims of human smuggling. Many of these illegals pay as much as \$5,000 to be able to enter the neighboring island. However, Zachares said this is far from the truth. "The only reason that they used Tinian was for diversion, to utilize our immigration laws here so that they would not be obligated to provide asylum," he told members of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.

### Consortium withdraws protest on 80MW power plant

A multinational consortium opposing initial choice of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation on the contractor of its 80-megawatt power plant on Saipan has withdrawn its protests,

according to a CUC statement. The consortium of Alsons, Tomen, Singapore Power and Tan Holdings Corp. retracted all of its six protests filed with CUC as well as all the appeals it made to the Office of Public Auditor regarding the controversial power project. With the withdrawal, that leaves only Enron International still disputing the selection process conducted by CUC. The Texas-based conglomerate is closely vying to get the multimillion-dollar contract with Marubeni-Sithe.

June 3, 1999

### AGO seeks dismissal of case vs teacher

The Attorney General's Office yesterday asked the Superior Court to dismiss the criminal charges against a teacher who allegedly assaulted a 15-year-old student. James C. Burgess, 55, wants to leave the islands and vowed to never return again, according to CNMI chief prosecutor David Hutton. Burgess, a teacher at the Kagman High School, allegedly fought with a student after a heated altercation last Feb. 9 Hutton then charged Burgess with two counts of assault and a count of disturbing the peace.

### A tale of a WWII civilian survivor

Of the multi-hued fabric of tales that make up the history of the Battles of Saipan and Tinian, one of the memories that vividly stand out among the survivors of that horrific war were the mass suicides on Saipan. Told that they would be tortured by the invading American forces if they allow themselves to be captured, scores of Japanese families jumped to their deaths at the bottom of what has become known as the Suicide Cliff. Witnesses told

of parents throwing their children over the cliff, and then jumping in after them, like so much lemmings in an orgy of self-destruction. For the American soldiers who witnessed it, they were dumbfounded and felt helpless to stop it. For Koyu Shiroma, however, it was an experience that remains as stark in his mind as if it was only yesterday and not 40 years ago.

June 3, 2005

### Volcanic haze reaches RP again

Ash plume from Anatahan's volcano again reached the Philippines as volcanic activity continued to fluctuate and increase slightly in magnitude yesterday morning. In a joint report, the U.S. Geological Survey and the Emergency Management Office said thin ash and volcanic smog extended from the volcano's summit to 825 nautical miles west on the edge of the Philippines. Ash emissions continued yesterday, with the plumes rising to altitudes of up to 10,000 feet. The agencies said the plume extended about 325 nautical miles to the west-northwest.

### 3 boys arrested in KHS fire

Police have arrested and detained three teenage boys who are suspected of setting fire to a Kagman High School classroom Saturday night last week. Department of Public Safety spokesman Eric F. David said yesterday that the arrests came following the issuance of an arrest warrant by Superior Court judge David A. Wiseman Thursday. David did not disclose the identities of the suspects, who are all juveniles. But he described the ages of two suspects as 15 and another as 16. The spokesman did not say if the suspects are KHS students.



# Supreme Court sidesteps 'Insular Cases,' hints at future action

The U.S. Supreme Court upheld Monday the constitutionality of presidential appointments to Puerto Rico's PROMESA oversight board, but failed to use the opportunity to overrule the *Insular Cases*.

Justice Stephen Breyer wrote for the seven-justice majority, which reversed a unanimous decision by the 1st Circuit Court of Appeals and held that the President is not required to obtain the advice and consent of the Senate when appointing members to the board because they are not "officers of the United States" for the purposes of Article II of the U.S. Constitution.

However, despite taking nearly eight months to issue a decision, the high court did not entertain requests from both sides to "overrule the much-criticized 'Insular Cases' and their progeny." The *Insular Cases*, widely criticized as a doctrine of "separate and unequal" and "central documents in the history of American Racism," remain a controversial foundation for disparate treatment and discrimination in U.S. territories under the Constitution. The lower appellate court decision that the Supreme Court reversed on Monday had suggested that the specter of the *Insular Cases* "hovers like a dark cloud" over the dispute.

"Today's decision is a disappointing missed opportunity by the Supreme Court to account for some of its most troubled and appallingly racist precedents," said Neil Weare, president and founder of Equally American, a nonprofit that advocates for equality and civil rights for the nearly 4 million U.S. citizens living



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Front row, left to right: Associate Justice Stephen G. Breyer, Associate Justice Clarence Thomas, Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr., Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Associate Justice Samuel A. Alito. Back row: Associate Justice Neil M. Gorsuch, Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor, Associate Justice Elena Kagan, Associate Justice Brett M. Kavanaugh.

in the territories. "At the same time though, the [high] court laid important groundwork for future challenges where the *Insular Cases* may be more squarely presented."

At the Supreme Court oral argument, Puerto Rican attorney Jessica Mendez Colberg—representing Unión de Trabajadores de la Industria Eléctrica y Riego—made history by expressly calling on the Supreme Court to overrule the *Insular Cases*. Her advocacy accompanied a sustained effort by Equally American and others to lay a foundation for

these vestiges of American overseas imperialism to be permanently cast out of U.S. constitutional law, as Equally American argued in an *amicus* brief filed in the case.

Justice Sonia Sotomayor wrote extensively in a concurring opinion about the consequences of the ruling, noting that many of the key issues surrounding the constitutionality and powers of the board were outside the bounds of the narrower Appointments Clause issue that was before the high court. Noting that the majority "does not meaningfully address Puerto Ri-



Weare

co's history or status," Sotomayor expressed a more fundamental concern that the oversight board represents an attempt by Congress to abrogate the compacts and guarantees of self-government Congress has promised to the Puerto Rican people, replacing elected governors and legislatures with an undemocratically-selected oversight board. Though

concurring in the result of the case, Sotomayor called the oversight board "a twilight zone of accountability, neither selected by Puerto Rico itself nor subject to the strictures of the Appointments Clause," admonishing that "territorial status should not be wielded as a talismanic opt out of prior congressional commitments or constitutional constraints."

Although the Supreme Court failed to take on the *Insular Cases* on Monday, other cases challenging this precedent is in the pipeline. A new wave of cases stands to raise these issues once again, and in less narrow legal contexts than *Aurelius*. Equally American is playing an active role in a number of these cases, including *Fitisemanu v. United States*, a case in which a U.S. district judge in Utah recently struck down the federal statute that labels people born in American Samoa—a U.S. territory since 1900—as "nationals, but not citizens, of the United States." The *Fitisemanu* decision has been fully briefed on appeal before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit, with an oral argument expected in the coming months.

"The Supreme Court's decision on Monday demonstrates that the *Insular Cases* are not going to go down without a fight," said Gretchen Sierra Zorita, principal at Polivox787, who serves on the board of Equally American. "The constitutional rights of the nearly 4 million U.S. citizens living in the territories—98% of whom are racial or ethnic minorities—should concern every American who cares about civil rights and racial justice." (PR)



## HOME QUARANTINE

Tech. Sgt. Jude Camemo, right, of the Guam Air National Guard's 254th Security Forces Squadron, assists the Perez family as they leave the Oceanview Hotel quarantine facility in Tumon on June 1. The Perezes will transition to home quarantine, in accordance with DPHSS Guidance Memo 2020-11.

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## 45-day comment period opens on Marine Corps relocation to Guam

### » Deadline is July 15

**ASAN, Guam**—Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas announced yesterday the availability of a Programmatic Agreement Memo for public review and comments through July 15, 2020.

PA Memos provide an opportunity for interested members of the public to participate in the Section 106 consultation process required under the National Historic Preservation Act.

The following PA Memo provides new cultural and natural resources information associated with planned

construction projects and are available on the NAVFAC Pacific Cultural Information webpage at <http://go.usa.gov/kZWG>. (Please note the URL is case sensitive): Project J-017 PA Memo #1: Area Distribution Nodes and Site Telecom Cabling Project—Design/Construction. This project proposes to conduct design studies and subsequently construct Area Distribution Nodes and Site Telecom Cabling at Naval Base Guam Telecommunications Site at North Finagayan, Guam.

During the 45-day public comment period, interested members of the

community may submit comments via email to [criwebcomment@navy.mil](mailto:criwebcomment@navy.mil). Those without internet access may obtain a printed copy of this PA Memo from the Guam Historic Resources Division, located at 490 Chalan Palasyo, Agana Heights, 96910 (in the Department of Parks and Recreation Office).

In addition, the community is encouraged to subscribe to regular updates and other information related to the Programmatic Agreement by visiting the Joint Region Marianas web page and signing up at the following link: <https://go.usa.gov/x5BQS>. (USN)

## USDOL awards over \$26M Dislocated Worker Grants

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—The U.S. Department of Labor announced last May 16 the award of seven Dislocated Worker Grants totaling \$26,751,963 to help address the workforce-related impacts of the public health emergency related to coronavirus.

These awards are funded under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act, which provided \$345 million for DWGs to prevent, prepare for and respond to coronavirus. This latest award follows three previous waves of funding, bringing the total amount awarded to states and territories to \$198,221,958.

"These grants can help states manage the various workforce issues caused by coronavirus, whether that means finding workers to fill roles focused on addressing the coronavirus or providing training opportunities for workers to enhance their skillset and find the right job," said assistant secretary for Employment and Training John Pallasch. "The department has also made it known that these DWG funds can be used in conjunction with state and local health agencies to assist in contact tracing to further support states' efforts to safely reopen."

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services declared the coronavirus a nationwide public health emergency on Jan. 31, 2020. The Federal Emergency Management Agency also issued coronavirus emergency declarations for states, outlying areas and Indian tribal governments on March 13, 2020. These

federal declarations enable the Labor secretary to award Disaster Recovery DWGs to help address the workforce-related impacts of this public health emergency.

Disaster Recovery DWGs may provide eligible participants disaster-relief employment to address coronavirus impacts within their communities, as well as employment and training activities. Employment Recovery DWGs provide reemployment services to eligible individuals affected by mass layoffs, such as those resulting from the coronavirus pandemic.

Six states will receive award funding in this wave. They include Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, Montana, New Jersey and Tennessee.

Supported by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, Dislocated Worker Grants temporarily expand the service capacity of dislocated worker training and employment programs at the state and local levels by providing funding assistance in response to large, unexpected economic events that cause significant job losses.

For further information about the coronavirus, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The mission of the Department of Labor is to foster, promote, and develop the welfare of the wage earners, job seekers and retirees of the United States; improve working conditions; advance opportunities for profitable employment; and assure work-related benefits and rights. (PR)



# Opinion

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### EDITORIAL

## Don't send National Guard home yet. We need them ready in case of a viral surge

**W**hen dealing with a crisis—be it a pandemic or any other significant threat—we believe it's best to meet it with overwhelming force. So it's with some alarm that we took the news last week that the Trump administration has moved to end the National Guard's service helping states mitigate the damage caused by the coronavirus. Come June 24, the more than 40,000 guardsmen deployed nationwide would face a "hard stop" and be told to head home.

There is some evidence that President Donald Trump will grant a short extension. After a slew of lawmakers reacted negatively to the news, Politico reported that the administration is "prepared to extend the deployments through July." We support that extension and call on state and federal lawmakers to look at what will be needed in the coming months to ensure there are no hiccups as we move to open our economy and work to ensure we can handle anything that comes our way, including a "second wave," if it comes to that. We recognize there is a cost to deploying the National Guard, but given all of our tools, it's also among one of the most cost-effective ways we can respond to coronavirus challenges.

Through the crisis, the National Guard has backed up health care workers, set up field hospitals and stepped in to test patients themselves. They have worked to decontaminate nursing homes and help food banks. While, as of now, we may no longer need their assistance in creating field hospitals, the country is still nowhere close to managing the other tasks named, and we need all the support we can get.

There is also something particularly inconvenient about June 24 to end these deployments. While on active duty, members of the National Guard are eligible for regular Tricare health coverage. If they become inactive, they are only eligible for Tricare Reserve Select, which does not cover pharmaceuticals and has higher co-pays, premiums and deductibles. We'd rather see members of the guard covered until the pandemic abates in case they contracted the virus while deployed. We'd also want to ensure they had good health coverage in case we need them to handle a second wave later this year, and many members of the National Guard may be those facing job loss back home.

Without the National Guard deployed, the guardsmen will lose income and various other benefits, and our country will be at a greater disadvantage in our fight

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## Echoes of 1968 and other American years

**T**he streets were on fire as National Guard troops streamed into American cities. The shouts were soaked in anger and anguish: "We're sick of it!"

There was dark talk of "radical agitators." Violent outbursts and arrests piled up across the republic. The White House issued martial statements about law and order. On TV, footage of unrest and anger played on a continuous loop.

The voice from mission control was cool and calm as the rocket soared into the sky and towards space. "Stage One propulsion is nominal."

It was the late 1960s. It is right now.

For Americans of a certain age—and for those mindful of the past—it is impossible to ignore the similarities between these past few days and some of the more unsettling moments from the 1960s. In particular 1968, a year marred by assassinations and violent social unrest.

And there are reasons to believe that 2020, not yet half done, may even surpass 1968 as one of American history's most powerful social and political flashpoints.

From an impeachment trial to a devastating pandemic, from galloping unemployment to George Floyd's death at the hands of Minneapolis police, all the threads are there, flowing together into a raging, muddled river that serves up unimaginable challenges.

"All these things are being woven together," says historian Thurston Clarke, author of "The Last Campaign," which chronicles Robert F. Kennedy's 1968 presidential campaign and assassination on June 6 of that year.

"It's like an anti-hit parade, a convergence of the greatest catastrophes of the past 100 years or so, all hitting us at once," Clarke says. "And with what hope?"

In the morass that is 2020, history's ghosts from an assortment of American eras have resurfaced:

- From 1918, when a pandemic's first wave ravaged, ebbed and then gave way to a more powerful second wave.

- From 1930, when an economic crash revealed its longer-term effects on American citizens in the form of the Great Depression.

- From 1974, and the governmental disarray that preceded Richard M. Nixon's resignation, echoed in January and February with the impeachment trial of President Donald Trump.

- From 1992, and its images of Los Angeles burning after the acquittal of four police officers in the beating of Rodney King.

Perhaps the most uncomfortable era to summon for comparison is the one no one really wants to talk about: 1860, when the final pieces of polarization fell into place for what would be a

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cataclysmic Civil War.

Slavery, America's greatest historical shame, was the flash-point then. Today, it is police brutality against black people, a descendant of that awful legacy. Then, as now, there was deep economic disparity, and a debate between individual rights and the common good. Different visions of American life. Different sets of facts and ever-hazier notions of truth.

"What's fundamentally common for all of these things in our history is a lack of agreement of what reality is—a lack of agreement about facts, about causes," says U.S. historian John Baick of Western New England University. "When we can't agree on basic truth, we reach our greatest periods of divide."

Now, we also must navigate a social media landscape overloaded with instantly uploaded imagery to persuade and provoke—an echo chamber full of lighter fluid that itself is a subject of national contention, thanks in part to the president.

Problems sometimes addressed, sometimes ignored, never truly solved. That's what makes the deepest impression on Frederick Gooding Jr., who teaches about race.

He sees parallels between today and the Reconstruction period that immediately followed the Civil War, when African Americans—coming off a war that, on paper, rebooted American society for them—were confronted with the realities of life in the postwar United States.

"You had the premise that 'I'm free, but I walk the streets in psychological terror,'" says Gooding, an associate professor of African American studies at Texas Christian University.

"There really is nothing new under the sun here about the fundamental structure of our society and the way it behaves," Gooding says. "The cycle is starting to repeat. There's outrage, it flares up, there's new understanding, things are put in place, and then it rears its head again."

But right here, right now, 1968 seems the most relevant touch-

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# COVID-19 and my disability

JOHN CABRERA

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**A**s a person with a physical disability, I face random daily living impediments that often affect my mental health, maybe more now with the COVID-19 pandemic. I get social anxiety when a nondisabled person misinterprets my condition or when establishments are inaccessible with no accommodations. For some individuals with a physical or mental disability, just getting to work is a challenge.

It has been a revolutionary 30 years since the American with Disabilities Act was passed, but in the span of a few months, one pandemic took all the hard work that people with disabilities and advocates have worked hard for and threw most of it out the window. As a person with a physical disability, it was not hard for me to adapt and overcome, but one thing was for sure, it started to affect my mental health. From fighting to deserve the same treatment as everyone else to being coddled because I am more “at risk” now has made me more anxious than ever.

One lesson that I would like to remind others when they see a person with a physical disability is to always ask if they need help before assuming that they actually do. Mental Health America shares seven ways on how to be helpful:

**1. Practice active listening:** Really listen to what their needs are. Instead of assuming you know what they mean, ask and confirm that you are really understanding their needs.

**2. Don't compare:** Not everyone is going through the same situation. Yes, we are in this pandemic together, but what you are going through may not be the same as what they are going through.

**3. Ask what you can do:** Again, always ask before assuming they need help.

**4. Keep your word:** If you offered your assistance and they accepted, keep your word. Not everyone likes to ask for help, so it might be a big deal to them even if you do not think so.

**5. Don't judge:** It does not help a person who is asking for help if you are sitting there judging them for what they need help with. Whether it is sitting and helping them fill out their own application forms or waiting in that long line with them.

**6. Offer to join them:** Limiting contact and time in public is what we are supposed to do now, so it may be hard to join them in their day to day activities, but if it is for a common good, like grocery shopping or commuting to work, offer to join them.

**7. Know when more serious help is needed:** Sometimes people who really need help don't ask for help. If you see them struggling more and more ask again and offer to help them get professional help.

For more information about mental health or the Americans with Disabilities Act, contact the Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc. at (670) 235-7273/4 or visit us on the web at www.nmpasi.org, www.facebook.com/NMPASI, and follow us on Instagram @nmpasi670.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Karens in our midst

I am writing to you in regards to the changes being made on the Ada Gym mural. A letter by Ms. Lorenza Aldan was posted on social media and in local newspapers on the issue of how no female athlete was painted on the mural. I understand she voiced very reasonable concerns, especially on the significance women have in local culture, and she was definitely not wrong with the words she stated. But as the contracted artist that painted the Ada Gym mural, I too feel that I must have a say in this, and I would also like my voice to be heard in this issue.

In no way am I trying to say, “Let's not listen to her.” Peter Aldan and I are in the process of changing the runner to a woman, and are currently looking for more paint resources to make those changes happen. I just want to share my thoughts regarding this as it is starting to feel like the artwork is being manipulated because of one person. Before Lorenza wrote her letter, she met with me at the Ada Gym wall, sharing her opinion on how she felt about there being no female athlete pictured on the mural. I explained to her that this isn't a sports mural or cultural, and how the purpose of it doesn't actually relate to sports in any way. I then continued to express that the only reason we included a sports theme in the mural was to highlight and honor the history of the Ada Gym, and to pay tribute to the previous work done by Mr. Luis Ogo. I explained that the grant for this mural was provided to showcase the artwork and talent of the local artists here in the Marianas, so in absolutely no way were we trying to say, “Men are the dominate players,” or “Men are dominant athletes.” I even admitted to her that my artistic capabilities aren't as strong in the areas of producing characters or faces.

Despite our personal discussion that day, and after I believed we had reached a level of understanding, it seems I was mistaken and that she remained adamant and indifferent toward what I said, for she went ahead on social media and boasted that she had the power to change the already-approved mural.

In most cases, I wouldn't even care that she turned the issue to the public. She has that right provided under the Section 2 of Article 1 in the CNMI Constitution. What rattled me was when she called herself a Karen on the social media post. I'm unsure if you're familiar with the meaning of that contemporary slang word, but it means a person perceived as being entitled or demanding beyond the scope of what is considered appropriate or necessary. I can at least agree with her on that claim, since it seems she was fishing for attention or popularity, and that makes me feel that my voice as an artist does not matter.

As the contracted artist, I also want to share that this situation can discourage future artists from wanting to share their work. The idea of having the artwork conditioned or manipulated to fit the desires of one individual who had no part in applying for the grant, building a team, finding resources, or actually painting the mural sucks the life and joy out of being an artist or a creative individual. Where was she when the team offered the grant to the public? The whole CNMI knew this mural was going to change, yet she only came and spoke

up when the mural was already 98% finished. Lorenza had my voice as an artist silenced and my creative control conditioned to fit what she wanted. Local artists can never thrive or continue to push their work and passion to new levels if their voices are disregarded in their own world, nor would anyone like to showcase their artwork because their true creative calling would be like a bird in a cage, unable to run free without limits. The islands will end up losing our local artists as they drop their passions to work a 9-5 job that they will hate, or we will see them leave our islands and start a life abroad, their drive to be creative completely destroyed.

Lastly, Peter and I are willing and definitely will make the changes to the mural, but I truly believe Lorenza should be the one to add the female character to this mural, or at least physically help in producing the image of this character on the mural in some way. If she feels so highly passionate and determined to get her point across to you about the issues of not having a female character, she should be able to do the work Shayne's team did to produce this mural. I want to reiterate that she called herself a Karen, so she knowingly feels entitled to say anything, knowing things will go her way if she remains consistent with her complaining. I'd like to see her apply for the grant, find her resources, and then produce the work. It's very easy for someone to complain when they aren't the ones doing all the legwork and heavy lifting on any kind of production or work. She should meet everyone halfway, and put in the same amount of effort that Shayne's team has done. If all she wants to do is complain because she has to wake up, drive by, not see a female on our mural from her “playground,” and not take any literal action about it, what we are really showing is that our art community lacks strength and is powerless. She and others like her will walk all over us and manipulate anything we have planned in the future.

Please take my voice into consideration in how it feels to see her gloat on social media, in how this situation will hurt local artists, and that she should work just as hard as Shayne's team did. I've been painting murals for a long time, and I can already see how this mural can be the start of a huge snowball effect in transforming the CNMI into a destination hub for murals and mural festivals, just like what my team and friends have been doing in Guam. Thank you for taking the time to listen. I sincerely can't wait to do more for the CNMI in the future. Wish you all the best and stay safe!

**Tim 'Sois' Deleon Guerrero**

*Operations manager/sales/artist  
Opake Guam*

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against COVID-19. In Texas alone, they have delivered personal protective equipment, restarted formerly closed hospitals and other medical facilities, monitored mobile testing sites, helped set up medical tents, and supported food banks. These are tasks that continue to be fundamental to flattening the curve and aiding our state and country. So we hope our local and federal government hear our plea: Keep the National Guard deployed.

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point of all.

Then, it was politics and economics and race—the death of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in particular—with the backdrop of the Vietnam War, a long-running national cataclysm that was killing many thousands of Americans.

Now, it is politics and economics and race—the death of George Floyd in particular—with the backdrop of the pandemic, a long-running national cataclysm that is killing many thousands of Americans.

There are key differences, of course. The power structures have evolved and to some extent are more inclusive, though nowhere near where many hoped they'd be.

One example: Chicago, where in 1968 Mayor Richard J. Daley decried the protests at the Democratic National Convention and pushed the aggressive policing that helped make that a national flashpoint. Today, the mayor is Lori Lightfoot, an African American woman and first openly gay person to hold the office.

Perhaps the most striking difference is the one that may be fueling the fires of anger across the land: Now, unlike any other moment in history, protesters in one place can, with a device in their pockets, see and hear what's happening elsewhere and match or surpass it in real time.

Some questions, then:

Is this period—what one Minneapolis resident called “a volcano finally erupting after years of simmering”—a singular moment in American life? It's hard to declare that from within, but it certainly has most of the convulsive themes that have driven and riven U.S. history since its beginnings.

Will people gathering and colliding in the most aggressive of fashions—shouting in each other's faces in the era of the coronavirus—create repercussions we can't even consider? “This can be kind of a tinderbox for COVID,” protester Rosa Jimenez Cano said in Miami.

On Saturday afternoon, the SpaceX rocket streaked into the sky from Cape Canaveral, summoning an American moment of pride, control and expert accomplishment. And like those Apollo missions in the late 1960s and early 1970s, it left a troubled planet behind. “Congratulations to the Astronauts that left Earth today,” actor and comedian Andy Milonakis tweeted. “Good choice.”

Below it, all else felt tumultuous, a word that has been used so often to describe 1968 that it has become a cliché. Nevertheless, the word fits 2020, too—like a well-constructed face mask.

“For a surprisingly large number of Americans, I think, 1968 marked the end of hope,” Charles Kaiser wrote in “1968 in America,” his 1988 book. “Twenty years later, it may now be possible to start unraveling the mystery of how its traumas and its culture changed us.”

Is that how long it will take this time? Will 20 years be enough? And, as with Apollo 11 in 1969, might there be small steps and giant leaps just ahead — breakthroughs in figuring this all out — that help Americans find new ways to soar again?

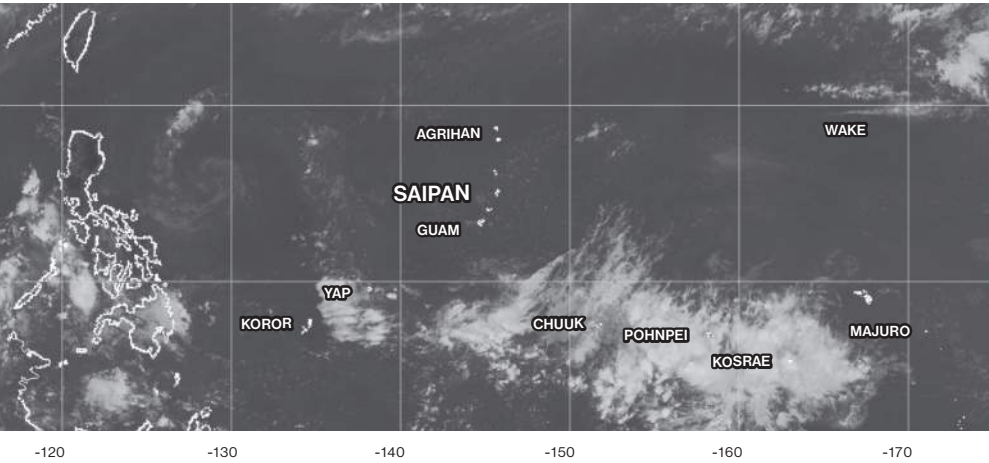


# The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

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YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



**PICTURE TIME: 5:44 AM, TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2020**

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A few light showers overnight were short-lived but gave a break from the typical dry pattern. East trade-winds will continue through today and the rest of this week. Buoys show an east swell between 2 to 4 feet.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

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Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

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- Log on to the internet at [www.nmicrimestoppers.net](http://www.nmicrimestoppers.net)

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London	Partly Cloudy	72° / 54°	
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Manila	Thunderstorm	91° / 81°	
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	59° / 43°	
Miami	Mostly Sunny	86° / 77°	
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Osaka	Showers	81° / 72°	
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Rome	Partly Cloudy	81° / 63°	
Salem	Mostly Sunny	88° / 65°	
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ther UV-A or UV-B....Live Well's American Ultraviolet systems disinfects air, water, and surfaces against bacteria, mold, spores, and virus contamination. UV-C light has been around for over 100 years and new designs for both mobile and permanently mounted light fixtures neutralize up to 99.9% of active pathogens," he said.

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Giles said that a typical room 20ft x 20ft can be disinfected in approximately 20 minutes. "There is no residue, no ozone, or other con-



Live Well UV-C focuses on installing UV-C lighting to disinfect medical facilities, clinics, dental clinics, hotels, restaurants, banks, offices and even private residences.

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Live Well UV president Bill Giles at a UV-C Lightning demonstration at a hotel.

Dusit Intl expands in Guam with management of beach resort, shopping center

TUMON, Guam—Dusit International, one of Thailand's leading hotel and property development companies, has expanded its management agreement with Tanota Partners, a Guam real estate investment and property development company, to operate the deluxe Dusit Beach Resort Guam and adjoining luxury shopping center, The Plaza. The partnership marks the newest additions to its Guam portfolio consisting of the luxury Dusit Thani Guam Resort, which opened in 2015 and which also adjoins The Plaza.

Formerly the Outrigger Guam Beach Resort, a beloved brand on Guam for over 20 years, the property will be renamed as Dusit Beach Resort Guam. Managed by Dusit International, Dusit Beach Resort Guam welcomes the existing employees into the Dusit family and looks forward to the team upholding its legacy of outstanding hospitality.

Dusit Beach Resort Guam comprises 604 rooms with a variety of restaurants, cafes, bars and spa. It is currently undergoing renovation projects which will showcase an



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An artist's rendition of Dusit Beach Resort Guam and adjoining luxury shopping center, The Plaza.

all-new contemporary look and feel. Dusit Club guests can access upgraded amenities and services enjoyed in the exclusive Dusit Club Lounge. The resort also recently completed the installation of an all-new splash pad attraction for families.

Among the many local attractions is convenient shopping at The Plaza, the luxury retail and restaurant center now managed by Dusit. The Plaza is home to over 60 boutiques, cafes, bars and restaurants, including some of the world's most exclusive luxury brands.

Guests will also enjoy easy access to the facilities and restaurants of the award-winning Dusit Thani Guam Resort, including highlights such as top-ranked fine-dining at Alfredo's Steakhouse, fresh seafood and grill selections with outdoor seating at Tasi Grill, pastries and fine desserts from Dusit Gourmet, and so much more.

Inspired by the genuine island spirit of Guam, guests will feel they are among family at the Dusit Beach Resort Guam. Warm smiles and an abundance of excitement in preparation of every stay

marks the journey from arrival to departure. A friendly "Hafa Adai" ("hello" in Guam's native CHamoru language) from all staff will quickly become an unforgettable sentiment. Guests will also be able to indulge in authentic CHamoru cuisine while learning about Guam's vibrant history and language, and experience cultural immersion at its best with performances by indigenous dance groups and lively demonstrations.

Dusit Beach Resort Guam brings the heart of the island's dynamic culture center stage for all to enjoy, ensuring a lasting impression of this majestic gem in the Pacific.

Dusit International's property portfolio now comprises more than 300 properties operating under six brands across 14 countries. The company has also diversified into food business, with strategic investments designed to mitigate risk, expand its customer base, and generate revenue from adjacent lines of commerce.

The Dusit Beach Resort Guam and The Plaza management agreement is effective June 1, 2020. (PR)

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# Nation

## Tear gas, threats for protesters before Trump visits church

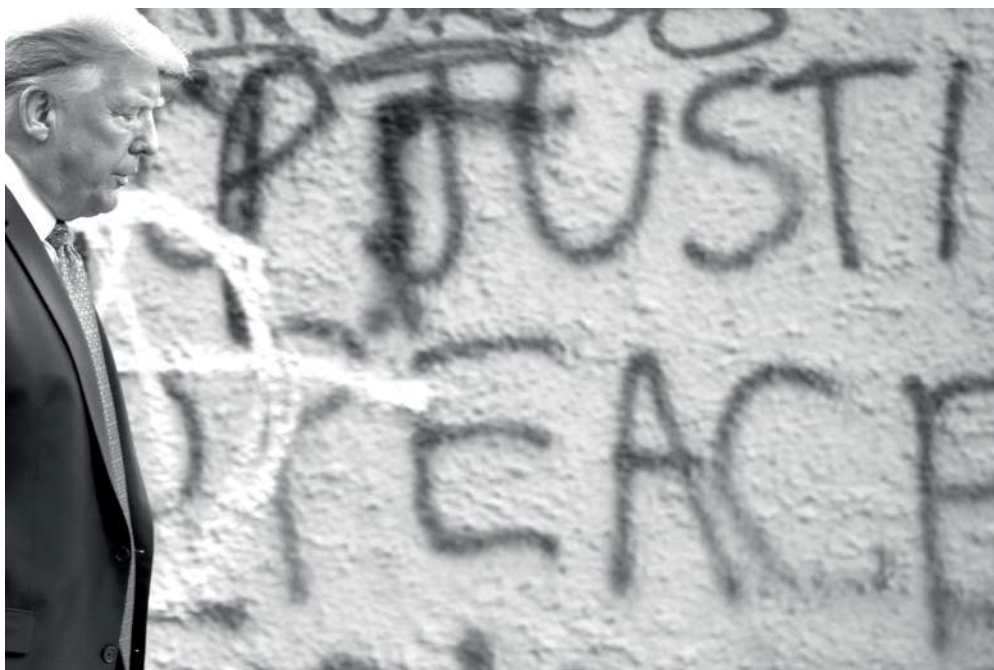
WASHINGTON (AP)—It began with Attorney General Bill Barr standing with his hands casually in his pockets, not wearing a tie, surveying the scene at Lafayette Park across from the White House, where several thousand protesters had gathered for more demonstrations after the police killing of George Floyd.

President Donald Trump had announced he would soon be addressing the nation from the White House Rose Garden, as a 7 p.m. curfew in the city loomed and a mass of law enforcement, including U.S. Secret Service agents, Park Police and National Guardsmen, stood sentry, many dressed in riot gear.

Moments before 6:30 p.m., just when Trump said he would begin his address, the officers suddenly marched forward, directly confronting the protesters as many held up their hands, saying, "Don't shoot."

Soon, law enforcement officers were aggressively forcing the protesters back, firing tear gas and deploying flash bangs into the crowd to disperse them from the park for seemingly no reason. It was a jarring scene as police in the nation's capital forcefully cleared young men and women gathered legally in a public park on a sunny evening, all of it on live television.

With smoke still wafting and isolated tussles continuing in the crowd, Trump emerged in



President Donald Trump walks from the White House through Lafayette Park to visit St. John's Church Monday, June 1, 2020, in Washington

the Rose Garden for a dramatic split-screen of his own creation.

"I am your president of law and order and an ally of all peaceful protesters," he declared, before demanding that governors across the nation deploy the National Guard "in sufficient numbers that we dominate the streets." And he warned that, if they refused, he would deploy the United States military "and quickly solve the problem for them."

As an additional show of force, Trump announced he was deploying even more of the military to Washington, D.C., giving it the feel of an armed, locked-down city after

days of violent clashes, arson and looting.

"As we speak I am dispatching thousands and thousands of heavily armed soldiers," he said, as explosions rang out in the background. "We are putting everybody on warning."

Then, before departing, Trump announced he wasn't done for the evening, and would be "going to pay my respects to a very very special place."

Moments later, the White House press pool was quickly summoned for a surprise movement. And soon after, Trump strolled out of the White House gates — something he had never done before — and

walked across the park that had just been cleared to accommodate his movements.

Trump walked slowly, followed by an entourage of his most senior aides, security and reporters. The faint residue of pepper spray hung in the air, stinging eyes and prompting coughing.

Sections of the park and surrounding sidewalks were strewn with garbage, including plastic water bottles and other debris. Some sections had been scrawled with graffiti.

Trump crossed H Street and walked toward St. John's Church, the landmark pale yellow building where every pres-

## National Guard deployments

*States that have activated the National Guard due to protests*



As of May 31

Source: AP  
Graphic: Staff, TNS

ident, including Trump, has prayed. It had been damaged Sunday night in a protest fire.

Trump, standing alone in front of cameras, then raised a black-covered Bible for reporters to see.

"We have a great country," Trump said. "Greatest country in the world."

He didn't talk about Floyd, the church or the damage it had suffered, or the peaceful protesters police had cleared. He said nothing about the coronavirus pandemic, the parallel crisis that has con-

tinued to ravage the nation as Trump campaigns for a second presidential term. And then he invited his attorney general, national security adviser, chief of staff, press secretary and defense secretary — all white — to join him for another round of photos before he walked back across the park to the White House.

At one point, he stopped and pumped his fist in the air at National Guard members in the distance.

"We're going to keep it nice and safe," he said.

## Protesters invoke different names to decry police treatment

CHICAGO (AP)—In Baltimore, protesters shouted the name of Freddie Gray. In Topeka, Kansas, T-shirts were emblazoned with the name of Dominique White. In Tulsa, Oklahoma, people gathered in a spot where white mobs killed hundreds of blacks a century ago and chanted the name of Terence Crutcher.

Across the U.S. as protesters poured into the streets to voice anger about last week's death of George Floyd, they also marked the occasion with reminders that the handcuffed black man who pleaded for air as an officer pinned him to the pavement with his knee on his neck is simply the latest addition to a grim roster.

Their stories have substantial differences, but protesters used their names and faces on posters to drive home the point that Floyd is part of a larger story about the dangers of being black in the United States.

"George Floyd is causing people in their own communities to recall, reflect and then get angry all over again about

their own police killings," said Marshall Hatch, a Chicago minister who eulogized Bettie Jones, who was struck by a bullet from an officer responding to a domestic dispute at a neighbor's house that also left 19-year-old Quintonio LeGrier dead in 2015.

Hatch said Floyd's death has served as a reminder to continue to push for justice in deaths throughout the country. He said that on Wednesday, he and other religious leaders plan to gather outside police headquarters to demand the officer who was fired after fatally shooting Jones and LeGrier also face criminal charges.

"There is a lot of feelings of incomplete justice all over the country," he said.

Allisa Findley, whose brother, Botham Jean, was killed in 2018 inside his apartment by a white Dallas police officer who said she mistook his apartment for her own told WFAA television in Dallas, "It is like pouring salt into an open wound every time there

is another case."

"Yes, it's a different name, but it's the same situation," Findley said.

In New York, many protesters shouted, "I can't breathe," a reminder that the words Floyd said in his last moments of life echoed what Eric Garner, stopped by police in New York City's Staten Island for allegedly selling untaxed cigarettes, said when a police officer put him in what appeared to be a chokehold in 2014.

One of the first things Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot said publicly about Floyd's death was that it brought back to her the pain that the city felt in 2015 when a video of a white police officer shooting black teenager Laquan McDonald was released.

In Oakland, California, protesters gathered at Oscar Grant Plaza, named for the 22-year-old who was pulled by police from a Bay Area Rapid Transit train early on New Year's Day 2009 and killed in one of the first police shootings captured on video by bystanders.

## DC Episcopal bishop: 'I am outraged' by Trump church visit

The bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington sharply criticized President Donald Trump on Monday for staging a visit to the historic St. John's Church across from the White House, where he held up a Bible after authorities had cleared the area of peaceful protesters.

The Rev. Mariann Budde, whose diocese St. John's belongs to, said in a statement that she was "outraged" by Trump's visit and noted that he didn't pray while stopping by the church, a landmark known for its regular visits from sitting presidents since the early 19th century.

"He took the symbols sacred to our tradition and stood in front of a house of prayer in full expectation that would be a celebratory moment," Budde said in an interview after her statement on Trump's visit was posted to the diocese's Twitter account.

"There was nothing I could

do but speak out against that," she added, calling for a focus on "the deeper wounds of the country" amid ongoing demonstrations against racial injustice.

Budde said the church was "just completely caught off-guard" by the visit, with "no sense that this was a sacred space to be used for sacred purposes." In order to facilitate Trump's statement there, she said, she believed tear gas was used in the area between the White House and the church.

As protests nationwide flared following the police killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis, St. John's suffered minor damage Sunday night from a fire in the church basement. Budde said "our suffering was minimal" compared with businesses that were destroyed by recent looting, even as she defended the goals of peaceful protesters responding to Floyd's killing.

"We can rebuild the church. We can replace the furnishings of a nursery," she said, referring to the damaged area. "We can't bring a man's life back."

The presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, Michael Curry, issued his own statement saying that Trump had "used a church building and the Holy Bible for partisan political purposes."

"This was done in a time of deep hurt and pain in our country, and his action did nothing to help us or to heal us," added Curry, the first African American to hold that leadership post for U.S. Episcopalians.

Budde took her position at the church in Washington in 2011 after spending 18 years in Minneapolis.

"I want to build up the liberal church again so we can be a legitimate conversation partner in the public arena," she told The Washington Post at the time.



# Asia



A protester holds up the British National (Overseas) passports in a shopping mall during a protest against China's national security legislation for the city, in Hong Kong, Monday, June 1, 2020. AP

## Hong Kong blocks Tiananmen vigil; rush on for UK passports

**HONG KONG** (AP)—Hong Kong police rejected an application Monday by organizers for an annual candlelight vigil marking the anniversary this week of the 1989 Tiananmen Square crackdown, as residents rushed to apply for passports that could allow them to move to the United Kingdom.

It would be the first time in 30 years that the vigil, which draws a huge crowd to an outdoor space, is not held in Hong Kong. The vigil commemorates China's deadly military crackdown on pro-democracy protesters in Beijing's Tiananmen Square on June 4, 1989.

The decision follows a vote by China's ceremonial parliament to bypass Hong Kong's legislature and enact national security legislation

for the semi-autonomous territory. Democracy activists and many legal experts worry that the law could curtail free speech and opposition political activities.

Thronges of people lined up on Monday at DHL courier outlets across the city, many to send documents to the U.K. to apply for or renew what is known as a British National (Overseas) passport.

"My BNO passport expired in 2004, but at the time I didn't renew it because I trusted China," said 40-year-old Peter Chan, who works in asset management and waited in line for more than two hours.

Chan said he was worried about political and security issues in Hong Kong stemming from the national security law as well as a push by

the territory's legislature to enact a bill that would make it illegal to insult the Chinese national anthem.

Even though there is rising anti-immigrant and anti-Asian sentiment in the U.K., "it's still better than Hong Kong," he said.

"In Hong Kong, you never know what will happen tomorrow," Chan said.

The police, in a letter to organizers of the candlelight vigil, said it would violate coronavirus social distancing rules that ban gatherings of more than eight people.

Organizer Lee Cheuk-yan, chair of the Hong Kong Alliance in Support of Patriotic Democratic Movements of China, expressed disappointment and urged people to light candles individually and observe a moment of silence.

## India cautiously opens up even as coronavirus cases rise

**NEW DELHI** (AP)—More states opened up and crowds of commuters trickled onto the roads in many of India's cities on Monday as a three-phase plan to lift the nationwide coronavirus lockdown began despite an upward trend in new infections.

Businesses and shops reopened in many states and the railways announced 200 more special passenger trains. Some states also opened their borders, allowing vehicular traffic.

The coastal state of Maharashtra, home to the financial hub of Mumbai and Bollywood, allowed the resumption of film production with some restrictions in place. In New Delhi, the capital, authorities announced the reopening of all industries and salons, while keeping the

borders sealed until June 8 to try to prevent a spike in new virus cases.

Although social distancing and the wearing of masks in public are still mandatory across India, some people were seen forgoing both in many places. Others violated lockdown rules. In Prayagraj, a city in northern India's Uttar Pradesh state, hundreds of Hindu devotees took a dip in the sacred Ganges river even though congregations at religious venues remain barred.

But as India eases more restrictions, it continues to report a rise in infections.

India on Monday climbed to the seventh spot in countries worst hit by the virus, passing Germany and France, as its confirmed cases rose to more than 190,000, including over 5,400 deaths.

The first phase of the easing of the lockdown, called Unlock 1, will restrict curbs to containment zones—areas that have been isolated due to coronavirus outbreaks. It gives states more power to decide and strategize lockdown implementations locally.

More than 60% of the country's virus fatalities have been reported in only two states—Maharashtra and neighboring Gujarat. The new cases are largely concentrated in six states, including New Delhi.

Critics fear that the lockdown, which started over two months ago, is being eased too soon. There are concerns that the virus may be spreading through India's villages as millions of jobless migrant workers return home from big cities.

# World

## South America ignores Europe and reopens as virus peak nears

**RIO DE JANEIRO** (AP)—South American countries on Monday began easing COVID-19 restrictions even as the region hurtles toward its viral peak, disregarding the example set by European nations that were battered earlier by the virus.

Some of Brazil's hardest hit cities, including the jungle metropolis Manaus and coastal Rio de Janeiro, are starting to allow more activity. Bolivia's government authorized reopening most of the country and the government of Venezuela's Nicolás Maduro unwound restrictions. Ecuador's airports were resuming flights and shoppers returning to some of Colombia's malls.

Rolling back measures runs counter to Europe's approach of waiting for the worst to pass before resuming activity, and South America trails much further behind on its viral curve. Even European nations that lifted restrictions earliest in their respective outbreaks—the U.K. and Russia—did so only after clearing their initial peaks.

The executive director of the World Health Organization's emergencies program, Mike Ryan, expressed concern over South America's climbing contagion, telling reporters Monday that the region had become an "intense zone of transmission for this virus," which had not yet reached its peak.

"Clearly the situation in many South American countries is far from stable. There is a rapid increase in cases and those systems are coming under increasing pressure," he said.

Data from the WHO's Pan

American Health Organization shows the region's seven-day rolling average of new cases continues rising, due in large part to Brazil, which accounts for more than half the total.

Manaus, the Amazon rainforest's largest city, was the first Brazilian metropolis whose health care system collapsed. For weeks, overwhelmed intensive-care units were unable to admit patients, deaths at home surged and a city cemetery buried bodies in mass graves.

Such burials continue, yet the capital of Amazonas state on Monday began loosening its clamp on non-essential businesses. Amazonas registered 818 new COVID-19 cases Sunday, bringing the total number of cases above 40,000. There are more than 500,000 confirmed cases in Brazil, the second most in the world, and experts believe the true toll to be much higher due to insufficient testing.

Rio de Janeiro, the Brazilian city with the second-most cases after Sao Paulo, on Monday announced it would begin gradually relaxing restrictions the following day. Already a city in its metropolitan region, Sao Joao de Meriti, started allowing salons, auto mechanics, and hotels to operate on Monday.

"Brazil tends to look at Europe, and the problem is that there they did one or two months of strict quarantine and are now reopening," said Renato Mendes Coutinho, a specialist in mathematical biology at COVID-19 BR Observatory, an independent group of more than 50 Bra-

zilian researchers. "The difference is that the lockdown they implemented and the restriction measures were much more efficient and thorough."

Ecuador was one of the first South American nations slammed, with grim scenes of people leaving corpses outside their doorsteps in Guayaquil through March and April. The nation's caseload continues to surge, yet its airport will resume international flights on June 3, according to Nicolás Romero, the airport's spokesperson, though he said arriving passengers must spend 15 days in quarantine, without specifying how such quarantine will be enforced.

The airport in capital, Quito, recorded its first flight in 80 days on Monday, and flights to Miami and Houston will take off on June 4.

"It has just been one flight so far, but the important thing is the message it gives, of flying safely," Luis Galárraga, the airport's spokesperson, told The Associated Press.

Across Ecuador's border, Colombia has shut the international airport in its capital, Bogotá, until September and locked down an entire working-class district home to 1.5 million people. But in the nation's second city, Medellín, malls cautiously began opening their doors on Monday, though checking customers' temperatures upon entry.

Medellín's Mayor Daniel Quintero highlighted that the city registered no COVID-19 deaths in the prior 30 days. The national death toll, however, continues rising.

## 225 VIPs urge world powers to adopt \$2.5 trillion COVID plan

**UNITED NATIONS** (AP)—More than 225 current and former global VIPs urged the world's 20 major economic powers on Monday to hold an urgent meeting to agree to a \$2.5 trillion plan to tackle COVID-19 and launch an economic recovery from the pandemic, especially for hard-hit developing and middle-income countries.

They said in a letter that these poor and middle-income countries, which represent nearly 70 percent of the world's population and approximately one-third of global GDP, demand immediate action. Over 100 countries have approached the International Monetary Fund for help a, they said, and more are expected to do so.

Without action from the G20, the prominent global figures warned that the recession caused by the pandemic

will deepen, hurting all economies, "and the world's most marginalized and poorest peoples the most."

They said the G20 nations, currently led by Saudi Arabia, represent 85 percent of the world's nominal GDP and have "the capacity to lead the mobilization of resources on the scale required."

"We urge leaders to do so immediately," their letter said.

The signatories include more than 75 former world leaders, three Nobel peace prize winners, four Nobel laureates in economics, former U.N. secretary-general Ban Ki-moon, philanthropist George Soros, former World Bank president James Wolfensohn, former NATO secretary-general Javier Solana and numerous former U.N. officials and past and present economists, humanitarian and health experts.

The summit meeting of the world's economic powerhouses was started during the 2008 financial crisis, but leaders have held only one video meeting since COVID-19 began circling the globe, and their next meeting isn't scheduled until November in the Saudi capital Riyadh.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres urged the G20 leaders before that meeting in late March to adopt a "war-time" plan including a stimulus package "in the trillions of dollars" for people and businesses in the developing world trying to tackle the pandemic.

The G20 leaders did pledge on March 26 to inject over \$5 trillion into the global economy to limit job and income losses from COVID-19, and to "do whatever it takes to overcome the pandemic." But their response has been criticized.



# Good Housekeeping

## Should you fix that yourself? How to handle home repair during the pandemic



Do it yourself. TNS

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**LOS ANGELES**—When Tony Nittoli of North Hollywood noticed a leak under his bathroom sink in mid-April, he tied it up with an old T-shirt and stuffed junk mail under it. He'd normally call his apartment manager to take care of it, but health officials' orders were clear: stay inside and away from others to slow the spread of the coronavirus.

"What's the sense of me not going out if I have somebody who's going out to multiple houses coming to my house?" Nittoli said. "That defeats the purpose."

Plumbers, electricians and handymen and -women are considered essential workers during the COVID-19 crisis. They've continued to come to the rescue when a pipe bursts or the electricity goes haywire. It's frequently hazardous work, pandemic notwithstanding.

But what about when it's not life or death, but life and discomfort? If the washing machine won't wash or the screen door won't seamlessly slide, does it make sense to call a professional? Does bringing in a worker \_ or several \_ put your safety and theirs at risk? Do you try doing it yourself? Is fixing a sink as easy as baking bread?

### SAFETY FIRST

Although home-repair workers were never ordered to put away their tools, business practices have shifted to meet the moment, according to several industry stakeholders.

Workers are required to wear masks and keep their distance from others inside a home, apartment or commercial space they're working in, just as in other essential businesses, according to public health guidelines. Some companies outfit their workers in additional protective gear, such as gloves and booties.

For Mike Rios, who owns and manages seven rental units in West L.A., the adjustment hasn't been hard.

His go-to handyman "wears a mask and (it's) business as usual," he said.

Talieh Safadi, owner of Help Squad, a repair company with a location in Brentwood, said he typically asks customers to take a walk while work is being done or stay in another room.

Tom Bannon, chief executive of the California Apartments Association, which represents the rental housing interests, agreed that safety protocols are a two-way street.

Repair workers are asked to follow CDC guidelines, "And you hope that that the residents can do the same," Bannon said.

When should I call a profes-

sional? If it's an emergency or serious issue, make the call.

Some repairs simply can't be put off. An untreated electrical shortage could spark a fire. A leaky pipe in one apartment could cause thousands of dollars of water damage in the entire complex. In those situations, it's necessary to bring in a trained professional, ideally before a situation grows dire.

If it's less urgent, weigh the risks.

If you're a family of five and your washing machine breaks, it might not be feasible to transition to a washboard.

If it's not urgent, Safadi recommends people over 65 or with underlying health conditions postpone work for a few weeks. If they need to go forward with a repair, he advises increasing safety precautions.

Apartment owners still have an obligation to make repairs within a reasonable time frame, but Bannon stressed that the pandemic has affected what's reasonable.

Some tenants don't want home-repair workers in their units \_ and it's difficult from a legal perspective for a landlord to enter a unit against their wishes, Bannon said. On the flip side, some maintenance workers are hesitant to put themselves at unnecessary risk. The latter makes it trickier to find someone to tackle a job immediately and increases the turnaround time for some

repairs, he added.

"It's not a good time for maintenance unless it's a serious issue," Bannon said.

### REPAIR NEEDS ARE INCREASING

People in the industry agree that comfort levels around home repair appear to be rising \_ possibly out of necessity.

According to ServiceTitan, a tech company that develops software for home-services workers, revenue for contractors in California in the first two weeks of May jumped 10% over the same period last year. And the numbers are showing improvement nationally.

Calls never stopped completely for contractor Edward Flanagan, though they did fall significantly after California's stay-at-home order went into place. He estimates that he's getting half as much business as usual now, compared with a quarter as much in mid-March.

Many of the large residential projects Safadi had lined up, including a more than \$100,000 job to convert a garage to a living space, are on hold. But he said he is fielding more quotidian requests, including calls about broken dishwashers, toilets, garbage disposals, doors and faucets. More time at home means more wear and tear.

"Remember, all of us were

home, including me and my wife, on lockdown," Safadi said. "And guess what? There were a lot more issues with maintenance because everybody's home."

### SHOULD I TRY TO DO IT MYSELF?

Those concerned about exposure to the virus or who are tight on funds might be considering a DIY approach. Professionals urge caution.

Most plumbing and electrical work, for example, is best left to the professionals.

"One mistake can cause a lot more damage," Safadi said.

"If you don't know how to snake a pipe or a garbage disposal, it might leak overnight," he explained. In a multi-unit complex, that can get expensive: "Because it leaks into the unit below or the unit next door and then it becomes a huge thing."

Besides property damage, "there's potential damage you could do to yourself," Bannon said, pointing to garbage disposals as one source of danger.

But home maintenance falls on a spectrum of difficulty, said Bob Burke, chief executive of Repair Clinic, a company that offers step-by-step repair tutorials.

"What we're seeing is that people have real needs, partly caused by the pandemic, partly because things are breaking because they're at home, and

I think people now are realizing they can do a lot more than they might have thought," Burke said. "People are learning to be creative."

The service is starting to see engagement with a younger audience, particularly in the 22 to 35 age range, according to Peter Krauss, president of the company. Their typical customer had been 45 or older, he said.

Marnie Sehayek initially intended to pay a handy friend to build out a closet in her Koreatown apartment. When L.A. issued its safer-at-home order in mid-March, that no longer seemed wise. Instead, she watched videos, conferred with friends, borrowed tools from a neighbor and did it herself over the course of several weeks.

"To be honest, I felt like I was in a Marx Brothers skit at almost every pass with it," she said, adding that it ultimately came together. "It's not exactly perfect, but it totally works for me."

Then there are the basics, like how to flip a breaker on and off, and where the main water shutoff is, things Flanagan said everyone should know. Otherwise, you could be wasting water and electricity, he said.

"I think it's good for people to have more of a knowledge of that going on," he said, "and maybe this will give us a chance for people to do that."



# Life & Style

## Celebs take to streets for historic demonstrations

By **AMANDA LEE MYERS**  
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**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Jamie Foxx stood shoulder-to-shoulder with activists in Minneapolis, proclaiming that “we’re not afraid of the mo-

ment.” In Los Angeles, pop star Halsey and “Insecure” actor Kendrick Sampson were hit with rubber bullets during a tense stand-off. And in Chicago, John Cusack was filming a burning car when officers rushed up to him and began

screaming at him to leave, and he says, hitting his bike.

Across the U.S., many celebrities have been doing far more than tweeting supportive words or issuing carefully prepared statements. They took to the streets alongside thou-

sands of people to condemn the killings of black people at the hands of police and to demand reform.

“I was there in LA when it was the Rodney King beating and I watched that, and I said ‘Man, if they get away

with this what’s going to happen later?’ And it continues to happen,” Foxx said Monday in San Francisco, where he joined church leaders and activists in a “kneel-in.”

Foxx’s comments came three days after he flew to

Minneapolis to join the chorus of anger over the death of George Floyd, a black man who died after being pinned under the knee of a white Minneapolis police officer for several minutes even after he became unresponsive.

**AMSTERDAM (AP)**—In the Netherlands, the intimate gaze of the Girl with the Pearl Earring can once again startle and entice visitors. Down in Spain, the rusty maze of steel sheets by Richard Serra is a wonderland anew for art lovers. And at the Vatican’s Sistine Chapel, Michelangelo’s Creation of Adam can drop jaws like it has done for ages.

As Europe slowly emerges from the coronavirus pandemic that has killed well over 150,000 in the continent and crippled some of the world’s biggest economies, Monday let a brilliant ray shine through the gloom as several of the top museums globally reopened to flaunt their riches.

All of the Netherlands rejoiced in a relaxing of the lockdown measures that have kept people away from bars, restaurants, cinemas—as well as some of the greatest cultural institutions in the world.

“Welcome back,” said Rijksmuseum General Director Taco Dibbits as the first visitors filed into the vast museum in central Amsterdam.

At the adjacent Van Gogh Museum the welcome came with—what else?—sunflowers. Any visitor leaving the museum was given one of the yellow flowers famously depicted by the Dutch painter’s brush to celebrate the re-opening.

## Several famed museums reopen across Europe



Visitors admire the Sistine Chapel as the Vatican Museum reopened, in Rome, Monday, June 1, 2020. The Vatican Museums reopened Monday to visitors after three months of shutdown following COVID-19 containment measures.

AP

## Changing identities bring up questions of proper etiquette

**DEAR ABBY:** My 13-year-old son and I recently had a discussion that maybe you can help clarify. We are seeing more about trans people these days, and I’m not sure how to address them.

I don’t want to offend anyone, but when you see a large male wearing pants, shirt, etc. but has pink hair and makeup, should I say “sir” or “madam”? My son says I should ask what pronoun they would like to be referred by, but I am not sure that’s a polite way to find out. I know this is also intertwined with sexual preference, but it still doesn’t mean it is clear-cut. What’s the most polite way to handle this?

**CONFUSED IN THE SOUTH**

**DEAR CONFUSED:** You are confusing “preference” with “orientation.” Preference implies that one’s sexuality is a choice rather than something that is wired into our brains. People do not choose to be gay, straight or gender dysphoric. Gender identity is about who you ARE. Sexual orientation is about who you LOVE.

As to how you should refer to or address a large male wearing a shirt and pants while sporting pink hair and full makeup, I agree with your son. It makes sense to ask the person, who, I am sure, is fully aware that their appearance is “different.” Asking the person’s name may also provide a clue.

**DEAR ABBY:** All my life I have followed orders. I haven’t

been able to determine my own path. When I was young, I did what my mother told me. When I was old enough, I joined the Marines, and I did as they said. After I separated from the service, I did what my social group expected. After I had a child, I did what a parent should do to protect and provide. That took the next 35 years of my life.

I am 60 now, retired, and the master of my ship. Without “orders,” I don’t know where to go from here, and I am adrift. They say find a passion, do what makes you happy. But I am not passionate about anything. I like many things but feel no passion.

Being alive makes me truly happy. I love every day God gives me. But what to do with these days eludes me. What shall I do? Can you help me?

**FOLLOWING ORDERS IN THE EAST**

**DEAR FOLLOWING:** Ralph Waldo Emerson said: “The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you lived and lived well.” Perhaps if you concentrate more on doing just one thing a day for someone else, you will discover the passion you are looking for. I can’t promise it will work, but it may be a step in the right direction.

**DEAR ABBY:** I live in New England, where it is very gray during the winter. I was inspired by the bright colors of a local Mexican restaurant to redecorate my house. I feel happier with

## DEAR ABBY

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all the lovely colors, but my neighbors feel I am being culturally insensitive because I am not Mexican. I disagree. I think I’m being appreciative. What do you think?

**APPRECIATING IN NEW ENGLAND**

**DEAR APPRECIATING:** I’m glad you asked. I think you have certain neighbors who should mind their own business and keep their criticism to themselves. I also think that you adopted the color scheme you did as a compliment.

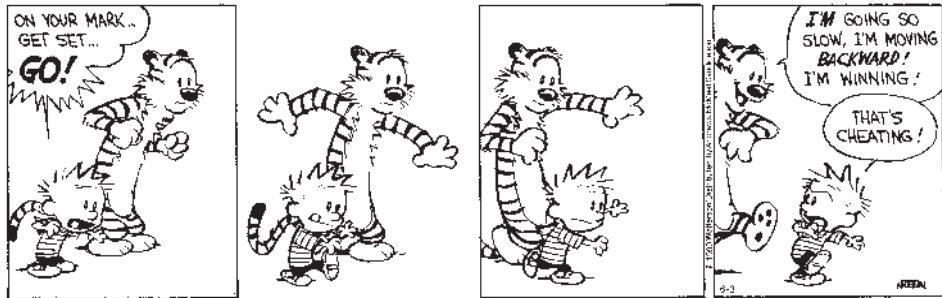
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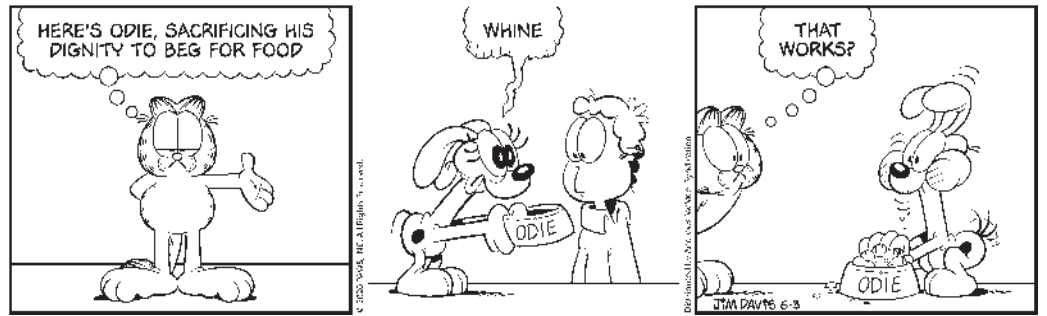
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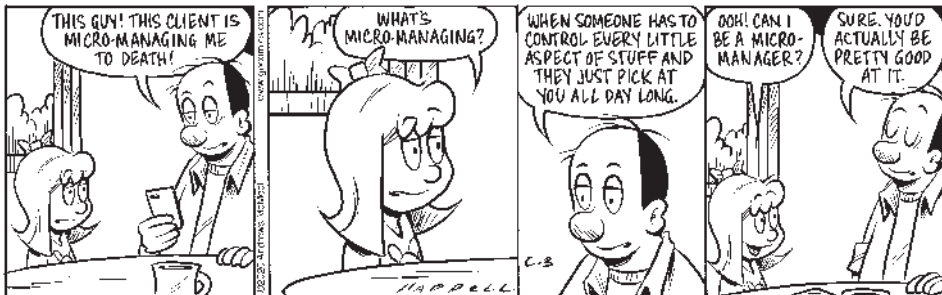
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By Jim Davis



## Adam@home

By Bryan Basset



## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



## CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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15 Luminous larva  
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**26** — Jima  
**27** "Not so fast!"  
**29** News reporter  
**31** "Humbug!"  
**32** Bill's partner  
**34** Kvetches  
**38** Donkey's comment  
**40** Insurance giant  
**42** Away from NNE  
**43** Poet  
**44** "The Good Earth" heroine  
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**47** Sitar music  
**48** Mut's warning  
**49** Dutch cheese  
**52** Grazing land  
**53** Not 'neath

**Solution time: 23 mins.**

**Yesterday's answer 6-3**

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Imogen Poots, 31; Rafael Nadal, 34; Anderson Cooper, 53; James Purefoy, 56.

**Happy Birthday:** Put greater emphasis on development and updates. Expand your knowledge and skills to fit the trends. Preparing for the future will ease stress and make you feel comfortable as you move forward. An emotional situation will require thought, consideration and additional adjustments that will encourage you to let go of problems. Your numbers are 9, 14, 22, 29, 32, 38, 46.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Settle into something that makes you question what's best for you. Keep your life simple, and refrain from taking on too much or overreacting. Put your health and daily routines first. Build physical strength, and strive to look your best. ★★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Think twice before you jump into something that has more challenges than you are prepared to handle. Take care of unfinished business, and rethink how to deal with people who have been demanding. A change should ease stress, not make matters worse. ★★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Learn all you can before you step into a situation that will require you to compete with someone who challenges you. Don't expect others to play fair. Use intelligence, preparation and knowledge to win. Your memory will serve you well. ★★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Step things up a notch, and pursue your dreams. Let your creative imagination lead the way, and you will come up with a plan that will open

doors and change your life. A positive transformation is heading your way. ★★★★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Take a moment to rethink your next step. An inappropriate move or change will set you back. Aggressively look for every possible alternative before you commit to anything that makes you feel uncertain. Spend less on unnecessary items. You cannot buy love. ★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** A change will be the beginning of a new, exciting period. Let go of the past and the people who have caused you grief, and pick your associates with care. A strong support group will be the backbone of your success. ★★★★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Take inventory, and consider what you need and what you can let go. Question what you have been doing with your time and how you can be more productive. Choose projects that excite you and help you grow personally and professionally. ★★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Share your feelings, and discuss any changes you want to make. The input you receive will put your mind at ease and help put your plans in motion. Expand your mind, but stick to a budget that won't leave you scrambling. ★★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Put greater emphasis on relationships, how others treat you and who is being honest and open with you. If something doesn't measure up, be direct and find out exactly where you stand. A change you make will turn out better than anticipated. ★★★

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Don't disregard an online job post or an invitation to a virtual reunion with old friends or associates. It's time to shake things up and make some positive adjustments to what you do or how you live. ★★★★★



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Keep your emotions under control when dealing with situations involving peers, neighbors or relatives. You'll do much better taking a closer look into what you are doing and how well you are taking care of yourself. Personal growth is favored. ★★



**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Think matters through before you take action. Spend more time addressing financial, legal or medical issues that concern you. If you want to be helpful, offer knowledge, not cash. Consider what's holding you back, then rectify the problem. ★★★★★

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By Dave Green

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Yesterday's Answer

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## WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

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Solution: 12 letters

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# MLB wants 50-60 game season, prorated salaries



NEW YORK (AP)—Major

League Baseball appears to have another plan it could use to restart games while tamping down salaries.

Under this plan, the league would pay players their prorated salaries, but limit the number of games to 50 or 60.

The union said it has not received as of Monday afternoon a proposal.

A shorter season allows owners another way to control costs. The players would keep the prorated contracts they agreed to in March, which has been a sticking point in negotiations, but the league would schedule fewer games.

In a 50-game season, for instance, players would get about 31 percent of their salaries. The previous proposal from the league, which players universally panned, called for a sliding scale of pay. Under that plan, players who made less money would get closer to a prorated salary while the game's highest earners would make between 20-40 percent of their salaries.

The league will still consider other plans with the MLBPA, but could use the March agreement to mandate a short season if no other middle ground is found. That makes this seem like MLB's nuclear option in negotiations with players, that if the two sides can't agree to something else, the league can force these terms on players.

If or when this comes to the players as a formal proposal, it will surely spur another round of back-and-forth between the two sides, like we saw last week. The question is whether players will see it as meeting in the middle or another proposal that tilts too far toward the interest of ownership.

Players proposed to resume the sport in the coronavirus pandemic with a 114-game regular season and full prorated salaries, leaving each player with approximately 70% of what he had been slated to earn.

That proposal was made Sunday, five days after MLB's plan for an 82-game season with additional pay cuts that would leave each player taking in 23-47% of his original pay, with the highest earners accepting the biggest cuts.

MLB claims an additional \$640,000 would be lost with each extra regular-season game played. The union has said it doesn't believe those calculations and asked MLB for more economic documents and data.

If spring training is to resume in mid-June followed by opening day at around the start of July, a deal would have to



AP  
In this undated file photo, New York Yankees' Aaron Judge strikes out swinging during the first inning of a baseball spring exhibition game against the Detroit Tigers in Tampa, Fla.

\$4.24 billion in 2017, \$4.23 billion in 2018, \$4.22 billion in 2019 and \$4.21 billion this year, based on totals as of the March 28 roster freeze.

Slow free-agent markets following the 2017 and 2018 seasons sparked player anger, and a more regular market this past offseason hasn't calmed players or the union staff.

## Tanking and rebuilding

Players are livid over what they call tanking and clubs call rebuilding. They view noncompetitive teams as bad for the entire industry, leading to an attendance drop in each of the last four seasons.

Manfred says each club makes its own judgment on whether it can contend, and clubs are using the system to their advantage when they jettison veterans, rebuild with draft picks and international youth, then contend again. World Series titles by Kansas City in 2015 and Houston in 2017 are pointed to as examples.

The union filed a grievance in February 2018 alleging the Miami Marlins, Oakland Athletics, Pittsburgh Pirates and Tampa Bay Rays did not use revenue sharing money received properly. The labor contract specifies a team has to use the money "in an effort to improve its performance on the field."

MLB has defended the teams, saying money can be used in areas other than major league payroll: amateur signings and minor league staff are just two examples. Manfred has pointed out that Oakland reached the playoffs in 2018 and Tampa Bay last year.

## Service time manipulation

Players repeatedly accuse clubs of manipulating their service time to delay free agency and salary arbitration eligibility.

Arbitrator Mark Irvings denied a grievance by Kris Bryant against the Cubs, accepting Chicago executive Theo Epstein's rationale for delaying the third baseman's debut at the start of the 2015 season. Irvings wrote there was no proof of "a nefarious motive" and the union could not prove "bad faith to mask service time manipulation." He did not rule on whether service time manipulation was permissible in any circumstance.

Manfred maintains roster decisions are a club right.

be reached by next week.

Players and clubs agreed March 26 to "complete the fullest 2020 championship season and postseason that is economically feasible," consistent with three provisions: no government restrictions on playing in front of fans at regular-season ballparks; no relevant travel restrictions throughout the U.S. and Canada; and MLB commissioner Bob Manfred determining, after consulting with the union and medical experts, that there is no

risk to players, staff or fans to play games with fans at all 30 regular-season ballparks, provided that MLB and the union "will discuss in good faith the economic feasibility of playing games in the absence of spectators or at appropriate substitute neutral sites."

Players say the March 26 deal covered salaries and they are under no obligation to revisit the subject. MLB says they are if the plan is to use empty ballparks, which is the current intention.

Some players, notably former AL Cy Young Award winner Blake Snell, have said it's not worth it to them to play for less. Some management officials have said teams should offer a very short schedule, perhaps as short as 50 games.

Mistrust among many is at its highest level since the 1994-95 strike, the last of eight stoppages that started in 1972. Reasons abound.

Salaries have been pretty much flat for five years during a time revenue has been

estimated to have risen at a 4% annual rate, a sign the collective bargaining agreement agreed to in November 2016 gained more for the clubs than it did for the union.

Payrolls totaled \$4.08 billion in 2016, according to figures compiled by the commissioner's office that included season salaries, prorated shares of signing bonuses, earned bonuses, option buyouts and termination pay. Payrolls have stayed in a historic narrow range since then:

## Gov't will decide on spectators at French Open

PARIS—The head of French tennis said on Monday he would like a full house at the French Open but conceded only the government can decide if spectators can attend the re-arranged tournament.

The claycourt Grand Slam, which would now have been into its second week under the original schedule, was pushed back by four months because of the coronavirus outbreak.

Tickets bought for the event in its May-June slot were reimbursed rather than transferred, prompting fears the tournament, now due to start on September 20, will be played behind closed doors.

"The preferred option is to have a Roland Garros with as many spectators as possible," French Tennis Federation

president Bernard Giudicelli said in a video call with French player Gael Monfils.

"After that, depending on the health conditions, we will adapt to the directives the government gives us. The government will decide how many people can be there."

Giudicelli said the organizers were not keen on having the tournament behind closed doors "because Roland Garros, like all the major tournaments, is a meeting between the players and the public."

"That's what gives this tournament its magic," he added.

Professional tennis has been halted since March due to the COVID-19 pandemic with tournaments unlikely to

resume before August.

Wimbledon was cancelled and while the U.S. Open is still scheduled to go ahead, organizers are considering moving it away from New York.

Meanwhile, if the French Open were being held as scheduled right now—instead of postponed to September because of the coronavirus pandemic—Rafael Nadal would have been seeking a 20th Grand Slam title to equal Roger Federer's record for men.

While Federer was going to skip the entire 2020 clay-court circuit because of arthroscopic surgery on his right knee in February, Nadal fully expected to be in Paris, focused on trying to win his 13th championship

at Roland Garros.

"Thirteen is just a number that boggles the mind. To be able to play 13 times at any major is already a pretty remarkable achievement for a pro. To win it 13 times, through the ups and downs of one's career?" said Jim Courier, whose four Grand Slam titles included a pair in Paris in 1991 and 1992.

"His has been mostly up, but ... he's had some years when he wasn't at his best physically—and some of those years, he still won, at a tournament that has historically been known as the most physically challenging tournament," Courier said. "He's been the one who's run away with it and rarely been challenged." (NBC/AP)





# FIFA supports in-game Floyd solidarity messages



**SWITZERLAND (AP)—** FIFA urged soccer competition

organizers on Monday to apply “common sense” and consider not sanctioning players demanding justice for George Floyd during matches.

The recognition by FIFA of the “depth of sentiment” over Floyd’s death came in a rare statement telling the global game to show flexibility and not enforce laws of soccer it helps to set.

Players used weekend games in Germany to reveal messages expressing solidarity with Floyd, a handcuffed black man who died in Minneapolis after a white police officer pressed a knee into his neck for several minutes after he stopped moving and pleading for air.

Germany’s soccer federation announced earlier Monday that it was assessing whether to sanction the players for breaking laws of the game that prohibit “any political, religious or personal slogans, statements or images” on equipment.

“FIFA fully understands the depth of sentiment and concerns expressed by many footballers in light of the tragic circumstances of the George Floyd case,” FIFA said in a statement to The Associated Press.

“The application of the laws of the game ... is left for the competitions’ organizers, which should use common sense and have in consideration the context surrounding the events.”

FIFA controls half of the eight votes on the International Football Association Board, which approves the laws. The other four votes are held by England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. A law change in 2014—proposed by England—led to players being banned from revealing personal statements on undergarments.

England winger Jadon Sancho was booked while playing for Borussia Dortmund on Sunday for removing his jersey—a yellow-card offense—only so he could reveal a T-shirt with a “Justice for George Floyd” message.

Borussia Dortmund teammate Achraf Hakimi displayed the same message on a T-shirt after scoring in the same game but was not booked because he did not lift his jersey over his head.

In the Bundesliga on Saturday, American midfielder Weston McKennie wore an armband over his Schalke jersey with the handwritten message “Justice for George,” and Borussia Mönchengladbach forward Marcus Thuram took a knee after scoring for Borussia



**AP**  
Jadon Sancho of Borussia Dortmund celebrates scoring his team’s second goal of the game with a ‘Justice for George Floyd’ shirt during their German Bundesliga soccer match against SC Paderborn 07 at Benteler Arena in Paderborn, Germany, Sunday, May 31, 2020.

sia Mönchengladbach in another game.

The expressions of protest are being investigated by the German soccer federation’s control body.

“As is the case internationally,” federation vice president Rainer Koch said, “the game itself should remain free of political statements or messages of any kind.”

The DFB also said on Monday that Sancho’s booking for removing his jersey to reveal a T-shirt with the demand “Justice for George Floyd” had

nothing to do with the message—rather, the yellow card was issued because the 20-year-old England forward broke a rule that says players who celebrate goals by taking off their jerseys or lifting them over their heads must be booked for “unsporting behavior.”

Spurred in part by Floyd’s death, protesters have taken to the streets of the United States and other nations to decry the killings of black people by police.

FIFA acknowledging the anguish over racial inequalities

highlighted by Floyd’s death comes amid ongoing criticism soccer is not doing enough to eradicate or punish racism.

“FIFA had repeatedly expressed itself to be resolutely against racism and discrimination of any kind and recently strengthened its own disciplinary rules with a view to helping to eradicate such behaviors,” the Zurich-based governing body said. “FIFA itself has promoted many anti-racism campaigns which frequently carry the anti-racism

message at matches organized under its own auspices.

## Liverpool stars take a knee

Meanwhile, Liverpool players took a knee around the center circle at Anfield Stadium on Monday in a gesture of support following the death of Floyd.

Squad members posted a picture of the act on their social media accounts with the caption, “Unity is strength (hash)BlackLivesMatter.”

The picture of 29 players from the English league

leaders was taken during a training session.

Star players Virgil van Dijk, Trent Alexander-Arnold and captain Jordan Henderson were among those to post the picture that was retweeted by the official account of Liverpool, which is owned by Fenway Sports Group—the U.S. company which also controls the Boston Red Sox. Liverpool also tweeted out the picture.

Floyd’s death has sparked days of protests across the U.S. and it has resonated in the soccer world.

Four players took a stand over the weekend in Germany’s Bundesliga, which is the first major soccer league to resume during the coronavirus pandemic. Another player, Anthony Modeste, made a gesture of solidarity after scoring a goal for Cologne in its match against Leipzig on Monday.

The French striker scored in the second half and stood briefly with his right palm facing out and his left palm facing in to display the darker skin on the back of his hand.

In a tweet with the hashtag saynotoracism, Cologne said after the game it was “a clear signal” from Modeste. The tweet showed one hand in white and the other in black.

The 32-year-old Modeste is the fifth player in Germany’s top division to make a statement following the killing of Floyd.

In England, Manchester United and England striker Marcus Rashford, who is black, also posted a message on Twitter, saying “people are hurting and people need answers.”

“Black lives matter. Black culture matters. Black communities matter. We matter,” Rashford wrote, before adding (hash)justiceforgeorgefloyd.

Rashford’s United teammate, Paul Pogba, sent a post on his Instagram account, saying he felt “anger, pity, hatred, indignation, pain, sadness” about what happened to Floyd.

“Violent acts of racism can no longer be tolerated,” Pogba’s message read. “I can’t tolerate. I won’t tolerate. WE WON’T TOLERATE.”

“Racism is ignorance. LOVE is intelligence.”

Chelsea said the club stood with Floyd and “all victims in the fight against discrimination, brutality and injustice”.

## Woods speaks out on Floyd’s death



**LOS ANGELES (A P)—** Tiger Woods is speaking out for the first time since

George Floyd’s death, saying his heart goes out to Floyd, his family and everyone who is hurting right now.

The 44-year-old golfer broke his silence with a statement on his Twitter account Monday night.

“I have always had the utmost respect for our law enforcement,” Woods said. “They train so diligently to understand how, when and where to use force. This shocking tragedy clearly crossed that line.”

Floyd, a black man, died May 25 after a white Minneapolis police officer pressed his knee into Floyd’s neck while Floyd was handcuffed

and saying that he couldn’t breathe. His death sparked protests in Minneapolis and around the country, some of which became violent.

Woods’ statement comes one day after former NBA star and current Charlotte Hornets owner Michael Jordan made his first public remarks on Floyd and the killings of black people at the hands of police.

“I see and feel everyone’s pain, outrage and frustration,” Jordan said in the statement posted on the Jordan brand’s social media accounts and the team’s Twitter account. “I stand with those who are calling out the ingrained racism and violence toward people of color in our country. We have had enough.”

Woods grew up in Southern California, and he said he

learned from the Los Angeles riots in 1992 that “education is the best path forward.” Thousands in the city’s largely minority south side took to the streets after an all-white jury acquitted four white police officers of attacking Rodney King, a black driver, after a traffic stop.

“We can make our points without burning the very neighborhoods we live in,” Woods said. “I hope that through constructive, honest conversations we can build a safer, unified society.”

Meanwhile, Vijay Singh will not be in the field of the Korn Ferry Tour Challenge, which is set for June 11-14 at TPC Sawgrass’ Dye’s Valley Course in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida.

Singh sparked quite the controversy earlier this

month when he decided to enter the event. Despite being a lifetime PGA Tour member, which allows him to enter any KFT event assuming he is not eligible for that week’s PGA Tour event, Singh, who isn’t in the field for the Tour’s restart at Colonial, was criticized by several players on social media.

One KFT player, Brady Schnell, even called Singh a “piece of trash” on Twitter for his decision to enter the event.

“Do you know how much those points and money could do for a young kid?” tweeted Schnell, 35, who has missed five of six cuts on the Korn Ferry Tour this season. “He’s a complete turd for playing. He’s got his money and he’s got his career. Just wait another month and roll with your senior friends.”



# Kings want chance to make playoffs upon restart



**SACRAMENTO** (AP)—When the coronavirus pandemic shut down the 2019-20 NBA season back in March, the Kings were 28-36. Not the prettiest record.

But Luke Walton's team was making progress. They had won seven of the last 10 games, and were 3.5 games behind the Memphis Grizzlies for the No. 8 playoff seed in the Western Conference.

Now, with the NBA nearing a return-to-play plan, the question becomes: Will the Kings get a chance to compete for that final playoff spot or will the league move forward with the current 16 playoff teams?

"For us, we're kind of in a tough situation because we're on the fringe," Kings forward Harrison Barnes told Howard Beck on the "Full 48" podcast. "So in all these scenarios that are coming about, we're kind of that unique case where 'Well, do they get the play-in tournament? Do they get the five games? Since they're three games out, do they just go with playoff teams?' So you just try to stay in shape, stay ready, but you know whatever decision comes about, it's going to be made with everybody in mind, but not everyone's going to be able to be comfortable with that solution. Someone's going to get the short end of that stick, and we hope to have the opportunity to play."

One rumored scenario would see all teams returning and playing a few regular-season games before the playoffs start. Portland Trail Blazers star Damian Lillard opposed that idea last week because he doesn't feel his team would get a true shot at making the playoffs. He would prefer the Kings, Blazers, New Orleans Pelicans and San Antonio Spurs compete with Grizzlies in a play-in tournament to determine the final playoff teams.

"I think Dame is right," Barnes told Beck. "I mean, if



In this Feb. 12, 2020 file photo, Sacramento Kings forward Harrison Barnes (40) battles Dallas Mavericks guard Luka Doncic for space during the first half of an NBA game in Dallas.

you come back and play, you want to be playing for something. The risk of traveling, being in Orlando in that type of environment, with any precaution that can be taken, there is a risk in that, so if you're going to be playing, you want to be playing for something. All of us who have been in isolation, we've been training, we've been hoping for this moment. You want to see that rewarded if you can, but if you're going to be in a situation where you do all this training and you come out there for a few games and you're not able to qualify for the playoffs, then it makes sense to probably have playoff teams and go from there."

Barnes and the Kings are a young team that entered the 2019-20 season with high expectations. But injuries to De'Aaron Fox and Marvin Bagley early in the year set the team back. Now, with everyone nearing full health, Barnes wants to see what

the team could do if they were given the chance to compete against the Western Conference bubble teams.

"Our team is a little bit different because we had a lot of injuries throughout the season, and we were starting to hit our stride," Barnes said. "But now we're healthy, so if the opportunity is there for us to play and make the playoffs, we want that opportunity, we want to see where we're at. There's no other simulation we can get for games.

This group, where we're at, we need to play, we need to play together, and playing for something is important."

Meanwhile, NBA All-Star Trae Young spoke at a peaceful protest of racial injustice and police brutality in his hometown on Monday.

Young, the former University of Oklahoma star who now plays for the Atlanta Hawks, briefly addressed several hundred people at Andrews Park about the deaths of George Floyd and others.

"I know this country's in a messed up place right now," he said. "And for me, I just think it's important that we all stick together and we stand up for what's right. It's not just going to take just me. It's not just going to take just you. It's all of us coming together and doing this as a collective unit."

Floyd, a black man, died May 25 after a white Minneapolis police officer pressed his knee into Floyd's neck while Floyd was handcuffed and saying that he couldn't

breathe. His death sparked protests in Minneapolis and around the country, some of which became violent.

Norman mayor Breea Clark and police chief Kevin Foster were among the other speakers at the Norman rally.

Young acknowledged that he doesn't often speak out on social issues and credited his sister, Caitlyn, for helping him come out of his shell. At one point, Young held up a "Black Lives Matter" sign.

"I'm not used to doing this," he said. "I'm not very open about what I see or the things that go on in this world very often, but for me, even though I'm just 21 years old, I feel that it was necessary. This is bigger than me, and I feel like this is a big step in the right direction."

Young's NBA city of Atlanta has been rocked by protests, fires and looting. He said after he left the stage that he has mixed feelings about those protests.

"I play in Atlanta, a black cultured city where people are looting there and it's messing up the city," he said. "So I see both sides. You can protest the right way and peacefully, which I believe it should be, but I also see where it hasn't worked."

He believes better days are ahead.

## VEGAS

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Perez will see action in UFC 250 on June 6 against Jussier Formiga, while Dela Rosa is on the UFC Fight Night 172 event for June 13 and is paired against Jordan Espinosa.

The Camacho-Frevola duel is the third supporting bout scheduled for UFC Fight Night 173 and the former is looking to get back to his winning ways after dropping his last match (to Beneil Dariush) in UFC Fight Night 162 in October 2019. Camacho holds a 2-4 record in UFC and 22-8 overall, while Frevola owns an 8-1-1 win-draw-loss mark and won his last two UFC bouts.

Camacho acknowledged Frevola's ability to last long fights, so the Marianas pride is also working on his stamina as he trains in the final two weeks of their battle.

"We will be fine-tuning the game plan on the defensive and offense side. It's going great. Also, I am working hard blasting the lungs and cardio," Camacho said.



Frank "The Crank" Camacho, right, poses with fellow Team Oyama fighter Alex Perez during a break in their training session in Las Vegas.

## CAROL'S

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Tech this Fall on a full athletic scholarship, is upbeat on her new team's standings in the poll.

"I am happy and excited that I am part of the team that is ranked No. 2 for the recruiting class this year," said the 19-year-old athlete, who continues to prepare for her jump to the collegiate level despite the limited access to training venues.

"I have been preparing myself for college this fall by doing some studies and off season fitness drills, and eating right," Lee said.

Meanwhile, completing the

Top 25 rankings in the poll are California, Virginia, North Carolina, Michigan, Stanford, USC, Harvard, Georgia, Clemson, K.C. State, Virginia Tech, San Diego, Wake Forest, Alabama, Florida State, South Carolina, Indiana, Washington, Florida Int'l, Columbia, Memphis, Baylor, and Duke.

Nine of the 14 schools in the Atlantic Coast Conference are in the Top 25, signaling teams in the group to brace for a tougher competition this season. Joining Georgia Tech, Virginia, and North Carolina on the ACC list are Clemson, North Carolina, Virginia Tech, Wake Forest, Florida State, and Duke.

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## Carol's class gets high rankings

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The recruiting class of the CNMI's Carol Lee is ranked No. 2 by Tennis Recruiting Network and Mizuno in a poll released last Monday.



In the Top 25 Women's Recruiting Classes for the Class of 2020, Lee's Georgia Tech received 448 points to place second to Texas State University, which got 461. Votes were from reporters, national and international tournament directors, referees, ranking chairmen, and writers across the U.S as they were asked to rank the Top 25 recruiting class. Schools received 25 points for first place votes, 24 for second, and so on. Georgia Tech took five first place votes.

Lee, a gold medalist in last year's Pacific Games in Apia, Samoa, is joined on the Yel-

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
The Georgia Tech-bound Carol Lee is seen here returning a shot in one of her off-island tournaments last year.



low Jackets by India's Mahak Jain and two Georgia natives Ana Hrastar and Ruth Marsh.

The CNMI player had the highest ITF Juniors ranking among the four Georgia Tech

recruits having ranked as high as No. 114 in the circuit last year. Hraster used to rank No. 536 and is considered a blue chip recruit, while the No. 704-ranked Marsh is rec-

ognized as a five-star player. Jain, on the other hand, has a career-high WTA singles ranking of 511 and was a member of India's Fed Cup team in 2019. Both Lee and Jain played in

the Australian Open and U.S. Open (juniors), and the latter also saw action in Wimbledon Juniors. Hrastar and Marsh were regulars in the USTA National-organized events and are

with Lee in the Top 25 in the Universal Tennis Rating

Lee, who is still on island and will be joining Georgia

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Frank "The Crank" Camacho hit Germany's Nick "Sergeant" Hein on the head with his knee and followed it up with a flurry of killer punches en route to a TKO victory in UFC Fight Night 153 in Stockholm, Sweden.

This winning moment for Camacho came a little over a year ago (June 1, 2019 to be exact) and when photos of one of his most impressive triumphs appeared on his social media feed last Monday, the Marianas warriors felt an added boost in his bid to duplicate that feat.

"I'm not big on superstition, but seeing photos pop up on my feed from exactly a year ago, it's kinda cool. It brought me back to a successful night in the octagon. Looking forward to another one on June 20. I definitely gotta go in

## 'The Crank' eyes successful night in Vegas



ULTIMATE FIGHTING CHAMPIONSHIP  
In this June 1, 2019 file photo, Frank "The Crank" Camacho, left, punishes Germany's Nick "Sergeant" Hein with his knee leading to a TKO victory in UFC Fight Night 153 in Stockholm, Sweden.



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Frank "The Crank" Camacho, right, trains, with Team Oyama's Colin Oyama early this year in California.

there and earn that win," said Camacho, who is now in Las Vegas getting ready for his first fight of the season.

The 31-year-old will be battling Matt "The Steamrolla" Frevola at UFC Fight Night 173 at UFC Apex and the lightweight duel is one of the seven supporting bouts to the showdown between Illinois' Curtis Blaydes and Russia's Alexander Volkov.

The Guam-born and Saipan-raised Camacho traveled from California to Nevada late last week with a small group of fighters from Team Oyama of legendary MMA coach Colin Oyama, giving him a little over two weeks to prepare for his collision with Frevola.

"Training is going well. We are sticking to our small group of guys. We have two guys fighting before me so it helps a lot. Alex Perez this weekend and Mark Dela Rosa the next, and then me," Camacho said.

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